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Beyond Ukraine: What Defence for Europe?

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REGISTRATION

9h00–9h20 WELCOME AS FROM

9h20–9h30 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Dr. Stéphane RODRIGUES

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9h30–11h00 WHO DECIDES?

In the wake of Russia's invasion of Ukraine, is there a growing willingness in Europe to balance burden-sharing and create the "comprehensive full spectrum force package" that the EU called for when launching Permanent Structured Cooperation? What is the role of European defence in the future set-up of the defence of Europe? And who will set the strategy?

CHAIR:

Dr. Federico SANTOPINTO

Senior researcher at IRIS

SPEAKERS:

Mr Bernard GUETTA

MEP – author of "The European Nation"

Ltj Michel YAKOVLEFF

Former Vice Chief of Staff of SHAPE (NATO)

Prof. Sven BISCOP

Director at Egmont and Prof. at Gent University

11h30–13h00 WHO PAYS?

There will be no increase in military industrial capacities or more military equipment without firm orders. Today, common acquisition seems the only way forward to correct a fragmented market and expand the European Defence Industrial and Technological Base. However, are Member States prepared to let the European Union act as an acquisition agency?

CHAIR:

Frédéric MAURO

Lawyer at the Brussels bar, specialized in European defence

SPEAKERS:

Michael GAHLER

Member of the European Parliament

Nathalie ERRARD

Head of EU & NATO Affairs of Airbus

Jean-Pierre MAULNY

Deputy Director of the Institut de relations internationales et stratégiques (IRIS)

13h00 CLOSING SPEECH:

Lieutenant General Benoît DURIEUX

Director of the French Institute for Higher National Defence Studies (IHEDN)

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