

# The EU-GCC Partnership - Security and Policy Challenges

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## Draft Programme



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*Conference language: English*

## Tuesday, March 16, 2010

12:00 noon

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01:00 pm

Wintergarten

### Welcoming & Networking

### Official Welcoming & Introduction

#### Abdulaziz Sager

*Chairman, Gulf Research Center, Dubai*

#### Joachim Fritz-Vannahme

*Director, Programme Europe's Future, Bertelsmann Stiftung, Guetersloh*

01:15 pm

*Small Conference  
Room 2,  
Ground Floor*

### Regional Security Cooperation-Survey

- What are the main security challenges in the Gulf region today and how are these challenges addressed?
- What have been the achievements so far in regional security cooperation? Has the GCC been successful in addressing security dilemma? What are the fundamental issues preventing better cooperation?
- How can the effectiveness of regional security arrangements/ forums be increased and their scope expanded (e.g. Iraq and its neighbors)?
- Which criteria would a regional security framework have to fulfill to meet the regional actors' demands?
- What is the perspective from within the region about how can actors from outside the Gulf can contribute to regional security?

### Impulse

#### Michael Bauer

*Research Fellow, Center for Applied Policy Research, Ludwig-Maximilians-University, Munich*

### Chair

#### Christian-Peter Hanelt

*Senior Expert Europe and the Middle East, Programme Europe's Future, Bertelsmann Stiftung, Guetersloh*

### Perspectives/Comments/Views from the Region:

#### Dr. Muhammad Abdul Ghaffar

*Advisor to His Majesty the King of Bahrain for Diplomatic Affairs; Chairman, Board of Trustees, Bahrain Center for Strategic, International and Energy Studies, Manama*

#### Prof. Dr. Anoush Ehteshami

*Durham University's Dean of Internationalisation,  
Professor of International Relations*

**Mohammed J. Al-Doreky**

*Ambassador; Head of Mission, Iraqi Embassy, Brussels  
Former Director "Europe", Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Baghdad*

**Dr. Ahmed A. Saif**

*Director, Sheba Center for Strategic Studies; Associate Dean, Yemen  
College of Middle East Studies, Sana'a*

**Discussion****03:30 pm***Foyer*

Coffee Break &amp; Photo

**04:00 pm****How much impact is possible?****Views from the USA, Russia, Asia & Europe**

- What are the main concerns for the US, Europe, Russia, India and China regarding the Gulf region?
- Which criteria would a regional security framework have to fulfill to meet these concerns?
- What role do US, Europe, Russia, India and China see for themselves in regional security affairs (today and in the future)? What steps/initiatives have been advocated or could be seen as put forward in a bi-lateral or multilateral framework?

**Chair****Jacky Perkins**

*Strategic Policy Advisor, Middle East Strategy Unit, Foreign and  
Commonwealth Office, London*

**Charles Dunne**

*Consultant and Writer on Middle East Affairs; Former Foreign Service  
Officer, Pentagon; National Security Council, Washington D.C.*

**Dr. Alexander Shumilin**

*Director, Center for the Greater Middle East Conflicts, Institute for the US  
and Canada Studies, Russian Academy Sciences (RAS), Moscow*

**Ranjit Gupta**

*Ambassador, Member of the National Security Advisory Board;  
Visiting Fellow, Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi*

**Ralph Tarraf**

*Head, Middle East Department, Federal Foreign Office, Berlin*

**Discussion****06:15 pm****Organizational Issues/the next day**

**06:30 pm**

End of first day of the conference

**08:00 pm***Jägerstr. 59-60***Networking Dinner at  
“Restaurant Guy am Gendarmenmarkt”**Guests of Honor: The Ambassadors of the GCC States  
located in Berlin**Wednesday, March 17, 2010****09:00 am***Conference  
Rooms,  
Second Floor***Regional Stability in the Future – Suggestions****Four Working Groups- headed by Rapporteurs**

- How can the current zero-sum understanding of security affairs be transformed?
- On which issues is it possible to identify common regional interests? How can these interests be pursued to create synergies and a basis for further cooperation? How can outside actors contribute to this endeavor?
- What would be three projects that should be prioritized? Which concrete steps have to be taken to implement these projects and who should be involved? What is the expected impact?
  - o Socio-economic potential for regional cooperation (how to build economic and social links between the societies? developing regional infrastructures, promoting trade and investment practices, cooperation in education etc.)
  - o Maritime security (confidence building measures in the Gulf; combating piracy in the Gulf of Aden; environmental issues, fishing, pollution etc.)
  - o Energy, climate change, and nuclear issues (cooperation in research on energy and nuclear issues (e.g. safety standards, permanent disposal of nuclear waste etc.), regional energy infrastructures, alternative sources of energy, promoting clean energy networks (desertec/Mediterranean Solar Plan...)
  - o Soft Security Issues (combating drugs and arms trafficking, illegal migration, counterterrorism etc.)

**1. Working Group****Josef Schleicher (Socio-Economic Potential for Regional Cooperation)***Director External Affairs and Public Policy,  
Daimler AG, Stuttgart***2. Working Group****Dr. Nicola Pedde (Maritime Security)***Director, Globe Research, Rome*

**3. Working Group**

**Prof. Dr. Giacomo Luciani (Energy & Environment, Nuclear Issues)**  
*Director, Gulf Research Center Foundation, Geneva*

**4. Working Group**

**Arnold Luethold (Soft Security Issues)**  
*Assistant Director and Head of Operations Africa and Middle East,  
Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF)*

**11:00 am**  
*Wintergarten*

Coffee Break

**11:30 am**

**How can especially the EU give adequate support – be a reliable partner?**

**7 Minutes for each Rapporteur of the working groups**

- On which issues is the EU viewed as a capable partner for regional affairs?
- Where do the regional actors wish to have support from the EU?
- With the ratified Reform Treaty, how does the EU see its role in international affairs (is the EU about to close its 'capabilities-expectations gap' in foreign policy)?
- What does the EU expect from the region?

**12:00 noon**

**Chair**

**Christian-Peter Hanelt**

*Senior Expert Europe and the Middle East, Programme Europe's Future,  
Bertelsmann Stiftung, Guetersloh*

**Responses**

**Ana Gallo Alvarez**

*Desk Office GCC and Yemen, European Commission, DG Relex, Brussels*

**Pierre Gillon**

*Desk Officer Iran /Iraq, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Brussels*

**Discussion**

<b>12:45 pm</b>	<b>Final Wrap up</b>  <b>Dr. Christian Koch</b> <i>Director of International Studies, Gulf Research Center, Dubai</i>  <b>Discussion</b>
<b>01:30 pm</b>	End of conference
<b>01:30 pm</b> - <b>03:30 pm</b> <i>Bar, First Floor</i>	<b>Meet the Press</b> Luncheon (Sandwiches) Conference Participants meet journalists  <b>Q &amp; A Round Table Debate on the record</b> <b>Topics: Current Security Challenges in the Gulf –</b> <b>Prospects for Solution – Role of Europe</b>  <b>Chair</b> <b>Christian-Peter Hanelt &amp; Dr. Christian Koch</b>  <b>Abdulaziz Sager</b> <i>Chairman, Gulf Research Center, Dubai</i>  <b>Prof. Dr. Anoush Ehteshami</b> <i>Durham University's Dean of Internationalisation, Professor of International Relations</i>  <b>Dr. Ahmed A. Saif</b> <i>Director, Sheba Center for Strategic Studies; Associate Dean, Yemen College of Middle East Studies, Sana'a</i>  <b>Dr. Mustafa Alani</b> <i>Director, Security and Defence Department, Gulf Research Center, Dubai</i>