

# **“Europe in Crisis” – Transatlantic Crisis Management Simulation on European Security and Defense Policy (ESDP)**

## **- Concept and Agenda -**

*November 17-19, 2004*

*Venue: Center for Applied Policy Research, Munich, Germany*

Throughout huge parts of the political and academic sphere both in Europe and the United States, there is a considerable lack of knowledge about the structures, decision-making processes, capabilities and missions of the European Union in matters pertaining to crisis management. This is especially true of the younger generation of political leaders.

The EU is still a young actor in international crisis management. Its security and defense policy (ESDP) was initiated in 1999 at the summits in Cologne and Helsinki, and its first military and civilian missions were launched just one year ago in Macedonia and the Congo. Therefore, its structures, tasks and capabilities are still in the making and often unfamiliar to many policy makers outside as well as inside the European Union.

Different strategic postures on each side of the Atlantic shape the respective national security thinking and related actions. Whereas the U.S. is a superpower with a global strategic outreach, the EU has been focusing on stability within Europe and has only now begun to define a more comprehensive strategic posture for itself. Therefore, the perceptions of security and related policies of Americans and Europeans often concentrate on very different strategic priorities.

In its roundtable workshop “Europe in Crisis”, C·A·P aims to bring about a keener appreciation of the different national and personal views on security as well as on resources, structures, missions and limitations of European crisis management among future American and European decision-makers. Its aim is to improve the knowledge of the European crisis management system and thereby contribute to sustainable improvement in transatlantic relations.

Since personal experience through interaction in small groups is one of the most effective means of learning, C·A·P holds a crisis management simulation with young American and European professionals likely to play a crucial role in shaping the future of the transatlantic security community. Based on a virtual conflict scenario occurring at the periphery of the EU, the participants will take the roles of the various actors in ESDP (Ministers of Foreign Affairs and Defense, High Representative of the CFSP, etc.).

A simulation exercise is well suited to personally involve every participant, provoking in-depth discussion on the subject at hand within a framework free from distractions and preconditions. Participants will not only gain theoretical knowledge about ESDP and its institutions and problems, as would be the case in conventional conference settings, they will also have the opportunity to familiarize themselves with the complex processes of planning, negotiating and decision-making.

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**- Agenda -**

**November 17, 2004 (Wednesday) - Different views on Security**

9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Arrival of Participants

11:00 – 12:30 a.m.

**Welcome**

*Jürgen Turek, CEO, Center for Applied Policy Research, Munich*

**Introduction**

*Eva Feldmann-Wojtachnia & Sebastian Brökelmann, Center for Applied Policy Research, Munich*

12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

BUFFET LUNCH

1:30 p.m.

**Begin of the workshop: “Europe in Crisis” – European crisis management**

*Chairs: Eva Feldmann-Wojtachnia & Sebastian Brökelmann, Center for Applied Policy Research, Munich*

1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

**Introduction to the simulation: Crisis scenario and ESDP**

*Thomas Bauer, Center for Applied Policy Research, Munich*

3:30 – 4:00 p.m.

COFFEE BREAK

4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

**Policy briefing session 1**

**“Military, tactical and strategic opportunities and constraints of ESDP crisis management”**

*Antonio Missiroli, , Senior Research Fellow, Institute for Security Studies of the European Union, Paris*

**“ESDP and Crisis Management: Credibility and Legitimacy”**

*Jolyon Howorth, Visiting Professor, Yale University, New Haven*

Discussion

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

**Allocation of countries for crisis simulation**

7:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Walk/Transfer to the Hilton Munich Park Hotel

7:30 p.m.

INFORMAL DINNER

at Tivoli Restaurant, Hilton Munich Park Hotel

**November 18, 2004 (Thursday) - Simulation: ESDP**

*9:00 – 10:00 a.m.*

**Continuation of the simulation “Europe in Crisis”**

**Policy Briefing Session 2:**

**“ESDP – state of the game and its main actors”**

Fraser Cameron, Director of Studies, The European Policy Center, Brussels

**“Organisational opportunities and constraints of ESDP crisis management”**

Alison Weston, DG E IX Civilian Crisis Management, General Secretariat, Council of the European Union, Brussels

Discussion

*10:00 – 10:15 a.m.*

COFFEE BREAK

*10:15 – 11:00 a.m.*

**Continuation of the simulation**

“Strategy Phase”; Position Papers

*11:00 – 12:30 a.m.*

**Continuation of the simulation**

“Negotiation Phase”

*12:30 – 1:30 p.m.*

WORKING LUNCH

*1:30 – 4:00 p.m.*

**Continuation of the simulation**

“Negotiation Phase”

“Decision Phase”

*4:00 p.m.*

**End of the Simulation / COFFEE BREAK**

*4:30 – 6:00 p.m.*

**Evaluation of the simulation**

**End of the Workshop “Europe in Crisis” European Crisis management**

*6:00 p.m.*

Walk/Transfer to Restaurant Ritzi

*6:30 p.m.:*

INFORMAL DINNER

at Restaurant Ritzi

**November 19, 2004 (Friday) - Evaluation and Recommendations**

*9:00 – 10:30 a.m.*

**Impact of different security concepts on ESDP**

Kick-off Statements:

*Alexander Lennon, The Washington Quarterly*

*Ivo Samson, Research Center of the Slovak Foreign Policy Association*

*10:30 – 11:00 a.m.*

COFFEE BREAK

*11:00 – 12.30 a.m.*

**Development of transatlantic policy recommendations with respect to ESDP**

Kick-off Statements:

*Herd Graeme, College of International Security Studies, George C. Marshall Center*

*Nicholas Fiorenza, Armed Forces Journal, Defense News*

*12:30 – 1:30 p.m.*

BUFFET LUNCH

*1:30 – 3:00 p.m.*

**Evaluation of the Conference: “Maximizing security and freedom – essentials for a new transatlantic security agenda”**

Kick-off Statements:

*Michael Baun, Valdosta State University*

*Roberto Menotti, Aspen Institute Italy*

END OF THE CONFERENCE