

# Milestone or Maelstrom? European Defence and the 2015 Summit

## *Roundtable*

(14:45-18:00) 15 July 2015

European Defence Agency, 17-23 Rue des Drapiers, 1050 Brussels

Given the Ukraine crisis, Russia's resurgence and the burning crises in the South there has never been a more urgent time to discuss European defence. Yet in the face of such challenges, how do we assess the recent European Council summit on defence? Does the Council meeting represent another milestone on the path to closer defence cooperation between EU member states, or did the meeting reflect the difficulties involved in forging a truly common defence policy? Drawing on a collection of thirty-four thought-provoking essays that were published in May by the Egmont Institute, European Geostrategy and the Institute for European Studies, this roundtable will discuss the summit conclusions and critically analyse the way forward.

## *Programme*

- 14:45-15:00 Welcome coffee
- 15:00-15:15 Keynote speech:  
**Jorge Domecq**, Chief Executive, European Defence Agency
- 15:15-16:15 Roundtable I: "Institutional Views"  
Chaired by **Sven Biscop**, Egmont Institute  
**Graham Muir**, Head Strategy and Planning Unit, EDA  
Representative from the EU Military Staff (tbc.)  
Representative from the European Commission (tbc.)
- 16:15-16:30 Coffee Break
- 16:30-17:45 Roundtable II: "Think Tank Views"  
Chaired by **Daniel Fiott**, Institute for European Studies  
**Jo Coelmont**, Egmont Institute  
**Alexander Mattelaer**, Institute for European Studies  
**Vivien Pertusot**, IFRI Bruxelles  
**Dick Zandee**, Clingendael Institute
- 17:45-18:00 Concluding remarks:  
**Pierre Vimont**, Senior Associate Fellow, Carnegie Europe (tbc.)

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