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Strategic Autonomy Stronger Europe in a Turbulent World?

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Program

8:30 – 9:00	Registration	
8:30 – 9:00	Working breakfast for organizers and honorable guests of the conference	
9:00 – 9:15	Opening speeches	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Miloš Balabán, Head of the Centre for Security Policy IPS FSS CU▪ Patrick Bellouard, President of EuroDéfense-France▪ Tomáš Zima, Rector of the Charles University▪ H.E. Aldo Amati, Ambassador of Italy to the Czech Republic▪ Anne Seyfferth, Director of the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Representation in the Czech Republic and Slovakia▪ Dana Kovaříková, Head of European Commission Representation in the Czech Republic

Session 1 Geopolitical shifts in global development, conflicts in European neighborhood and the need for stronger EU Common Security and Defence Policy

- New trends in foreign and security policy of the United States – global retreat of the hegemon. Can Europe cope with it?
- Economic and military power growth of non-western actors and its effect on EU security
- Can Europe defend its global power status in the new geopolitical environment without the Common Security and Defence Policy?
- Africa, Middle East, “frozen conflicts” in Europe’s neighborhood: How to effectively face the instability

9:15 – 9:35	Opening speeches	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Lubomír Zorálek, Chairperson of the Foreign Relations Committee of the Chamber of Deputies, former Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic, President EuroDéfense-CZ▪ Edward Rhodes, George Mason University, Washington, D.C.
9:35 – 10:45	Panel discussion (in alphabetic order)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Vincenzo Camporini, Vice President of the Istituto Affari Internazionali, Rome, former Chief of Defence General Staff of Italy▪ Daniel Kopecky, Defence Attaché of France to the Czech Republic▪ Claudia Major, Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik, Berlin
	Moderator	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Miloš Balabán, Head of the Centre for Security Policy IPS FSS CU
10:45 – 11:00	Coffee break	

Session 2 Strategic autonomy of the EU: The road to better European security?

- EU strategic autonomy: complementarity of capabilities with NATO or deviation from the transatlantic cooperation?
- Joint intervention forces, common defence budget, joint military doctrine: key features of strategic autonomy
- Permanent Structured Cooperation (PESCO): a way to fulfil the strategic autonomy?
- Priorities, future role and funding of European battlegroups

- 11:00 – 11:20 **Opening speeches**
- **Uwe Optenhögel**, Vice President of the Foundation for European Progressive Studies and former director of the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung's European office in Brussels
 - **Arnaud Danjean**, Member of the European Parliament, Chairman of the French drafting board working on a Strategic Review of National Defence and Security
- 11:20 – 12:30 **Panel discussion**
(in alphabetic order)
- **Vincenzo Camporini**, Vice President of the Istituto Affari Internazionali, Rome, former Chief of Defence General Staff of Italy
 - **Bogdan Klich**, Member of the Senate of Poland, Deputy Chairman of the Senate's Committee on Foreign Affairs, former Minister of Defence
 - **Edward Rhodes**, George Mason University, Washington, D.C.
 - **Miroslav Žižka**, former Military Representative of the Czech Republic to the NATO and EU
- Moderator**
- **Jan Ludvík**, Centre for Security Policy IPS FSS CU
- 12:30 – 13:15 **Lunch**

Session 3 Technological and industrial independence of Europe as a part of strategic autonomy

- Strategic Autonomy and related activities of the European Defence Agency
- European defence and security industry: The need for a better cooperation?
- The European Defence Fund - An instrument of empowering European technological and industrial independence
- Common defence projects and the future of European defence

- 13:15 – 13:35 **Opening speeches**
- **Pieter Taal**, Head of Unit Industry Strategy and Wider EU Policies, European Defence Agency
 - **Aleš Chmelař**, State Secretary for European Affairs
- 13:35 – 14:45 **Panel discussion**
(in alphabetic order)
- **Patrick Bellouard**, President of EuroDéfense-France, former Director of OCCAR (Organisation Conjointe de Coopération en matière d'Armement/ Organisation for Joint Armament Co-operation)
 - **Andrej Čírtek**, Spokesperson of Czechoslovak Group Holding
 - **Tomáš Kopečný**, Director of Defence Industrial Cooperation Department, Ministry of Defence of the Czech Republic
 - **Dušan Švarc**, Deputy of Executive Director, Defence and Security Association of the Czech Republic
 - **Martin Uher**, Chairman of the Board of Directors, CyberGym Europe, a.s.
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- Moderator**
- **Libor Stejskal**, Centre for Security Policy IPS FSS CU
- 14:45 – 14:50 **Closing remarks**
- **Miloš Balabán**, Head of the Centre for Security Policy IPS FSS CU

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