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# Congress on European Security and Defence

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## 2011: The Future of European Security and Defence – time for change



## 2010: The Future European Security and Defence Architecture – a challenge for the EU and NATO



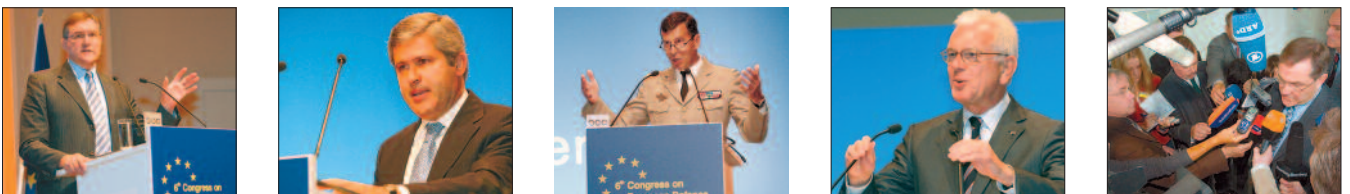
## 2009: New Inputs for European Security and Defence – taking a realistic approach



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## Congress on European Security and Defence

The Future of European Security and Defence – time for change

**(BS/Reimar Scherz)** This year once again, representatives of the political, military and industrial spheres came together in Berlin for the 2011 edition of the Berlin Security Conference to discuss issues of European security and defence. More than 900 participants from Germany and abroad signed up for this two-day conference and accompanying exhibition at the Andel's Convention Center. The 10th Congress on European Security and Defence organised by the Behörden Spiegel with the support of an Advisory Board composed of internationally renowned experts was devoted to "The Future of European Security and Defence – time for change". More than 100 speakers contributed during the plenary session, four forums and twelve panels to an interesting and varied programme supplemented by exchanges on the stands of the numerous German and international exhibitors.

The programme with its core themes and well-known names drew a large number of participants from Germany and abroad, including members of the Bundestag, the European Parliament and several national parliaments, as well as ambassadors, military attachés, national and international officials and EU and NATO officers and generals, but also participants from non-European states interested in European security and defence issues. The Bundeswehr was strongly represented (by officers ranging from the rank of lieutenant to general), as were the different authorities and organisations responsible for security tasks. The Berlin Security Conference was held this year for the first time at the Andel's Convention Center, which in combination with the Andel's Hotel offers excellent facilities for the organisation of events on this scale.

### Programme highlights

At national level the organisers had succeeded during the preparatory phase in involving four German ministries in drawing up the programme. The Federal Defence Ministry was represented at the Conference by Defence Minister Dr. Thomas de Maizière, the Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development by Minister Dirk Niebel, the German Foreign Office by Minister of State Dr. Werner Hoyer and the Ministry of Economics and Technology by Parliamentary State Secretary Hans-Joachim Otto.

The Conference's international keynote speakers were the focus of particular attention. They included Poland's Deputy Minister of National Defence, Dr. Zbigniew Wlosowicz, the Chairman of the European Parliament's Subcommittee on Security and Defence, Arnaud Danjean, and the Deputy Secretary-General of the European External Action Service, Maciej Popowski. This year for the first time the Russian

Foreign Affairs Ministry also took part in the Berlin Security Conference. The Director of the Ministry's Department for European Cooperation, Ivan Soltanovski, and the Head of its NATO Desk, Dimitry Balakin, participated actively in both the main programme and panel discussions.

A particular highlight was the Founding Act of the European Security and Defence Association composed above all of national parliamentarians from the former ESDA/WEU Assembly, which was dissolved over the summer, but also personalities from the economic, industrial and social spheres. Its President, Robert Walter MP, and Secretary-General, Colin Cameron, explained the objectives of this new organisation and thanked the Editor in Chief and Publisher of the Behörden Spiegel, R. Uwe Proll, who had offered the Berlin Security Conference as a "home base" for the new ESDA.

### Opening of the Congress

According to tradition, the country that holds the EU Presidency plays a special role. Following Sweden and Belgium in previous years, this year it was the turn of the Ambassador of the Republic of Poland, Dr. Marek Prawda, to host the pre-conference reception at his Residence. The Congress opened the next morning to images of the European flag waving to the sound of the European anthem. In his opening address, Polish Deputy Minister of National Defence Dr. Zbigniew Wlosowicz explained that Poland was also using the EU Presidency to give new impetus to European security and defence. The Weimar Initiative was an example of that effort.

The second address of the opening session also attracted a lot of interest. Taking Libya as an example, Arnaud Danjean MEP explained that the EU still suffered from a number of deficits in the area of se-





curity and defence that needed to be remedied as quickly as possible. The follow-up measures that all EU states had signed up to under the Lisbon Treaty must now be put into practice, he said, and new political will was needed in order to lead Europe out of the crisis.

### Ministers' contributions

The contributions by Federal Ministers Thomas de Maizière and Dirk Niebel sparked considerable interest among German and international participants alike: the large auditorium of the Andel's Convention Center was full to overflowing. During a high-level interview the German Defence Minister responded to questions put by the Editor in Chief and Publisher of the *Behörden Spiegel*, R. Uwe Proll. On account of recent developments the questions related essentially to the reorganisation of the Bundeswehr and the Minister's decisions thus far on its structure and bases. The Minister explained that these measures had now become necessary due to foreseeable demographic developments as well as the budgetary situation, but that the Bundeswehr would not develop into a classical professional army in spite of the suspension of compulsory military service.

The Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development, Dirk Niebel, said his attendance at the Congress on European security and defence was intended to issue a particular signal: given the multitude of fragile states around the world, it was important that security and development policy should be closely interlinked. This was particularly true of Afghanistan, where civil and military action must go hand in hand. He gave numerous examples showing where aid had already been delivered. This effort needed to continue beyond the withdrawal of military forces in 2014.

### Contributions from Brussels and Moscow

Another highlight was a video message from Michel Barnier, the Commissioner in charge of the internal market and services. The second day of the 10th Congress on European Security and Defence opened with his appeal to strengthen the common European market, a message that was of particular interest to the numerous representatives of German and international industry.

Maciej Popowski, Deputy Secretary-General of the European External Action Service, described the EEAS' first stormy months. He too stressed that the events in Libya had brought home shortcomings within the EU and that a more comprehensive approach was necessary for further development. The EEAS' task was "Diplomacy, Defence, Development" (3D). It was necessary to overcome the "CSDP fatigue"

generated by the financial crisis. The CSDP was not, however, an end in itself, but part of a range of instruments available to the EU.

Before him the Director of the Russian Foreign Affairs Ministry's Department for European Cooperation, Ivan Soltanovski, had been equally forthright in his presentation, recalling that Russian President Medvedev's 2008 initiative for a new European security architecture had so far met with no response. On the contrary, NATO's plans for a strategic missile defence and the operation in Libya had generated new tensions that could only be allayed through dialogue with Russia. He called on the EU nations to draw the relevant conclusions from developments thus far and to take action.

### Forums on core themes

As in previous years, the core themes of the Congress were debated in forums as part of the main programme. A group chaired by Robert Walter MP, until 2011 President of the ESDA/WEU Assembly, and composed of General Hakan Syrén (Chairman of the EU Military Committee), Admiral Alain Coldefy (former Inspector General of the French Armed Forces), Roberto Gualtieri MEP (EP Rapporteur on CSDP), Dr. Susanne Kastner MP (Chairwoman of the Bundestag's Defence Committee) and Ioan Mircea Pascu (Vice-Chairman of the EP's Foreign Affairs Committee) discussed the future of the CSDP. Dr. Hans-Gert Pöttering MEP, President of the Konrad Adenauer Foundation, chaired a forum bringing together Dr. Werner Hoyer (Minister of State, German Foreign Office), Jean-Dominique Giuliani (Chairman of the Board, Robert Schuman Foundation), Jiri Sedivy (First Deputy Minister of Defence of the Czech Republic) and Ivan Soltanovski (Director of the Department for European Cooperation, Russian Foreign Ministry) in order to examine the new challenges for European Defence.

"Pooling and sharing" provided the theme for another forum chaired by Michael Gahler MEP (EPP Group Coordinator, Security and Defence) and bringing together Lieutenant General Ton Van Osch (Director General, EU Military Staff), Patrick Bellouard (Director, OCCAR-EA), Lieutenant General Markus Bentler (Commander Response Forces Operations Command), Lieutenant General Jürgen Bornemann (Director General, International Military Staff, NATO HQ) and Dr. Christian Mölling from the SWP (Foundation for Science and Politics) for an exchange of views.

The Congress ended with a final high-level debate on "The comprehensive approach in Afghanistan – a requirement with consequences" under the chairmanship of R. Uwe Proll, Editor in Chief and Publisher of the *Behörden Spiegel*, and bringing together Ernst-Reinhard Beck (Defence Policy Spokesman, CDU/CSU Parliamentary Group), Doug





Henderson (former British Minister for Europe and Minister for the Armed Forces) General (ret.) Egon Ramms (until 2010 Commander Allied Joint Forces Command) and Pjer Simunovic (State Secretary, Ministry of Defence, Republic of Croatia).

### High-calibre panels

Twelve panel sessions explored the themes of the Berlin Security Conference in greater depth. These clearly demonstrated the interrelated nature of many core issues of security and defence. On the first day of the Conference, for example, Panel I led by Hans-Joachim Otto (Parliamentary State Secretary, Federal Ministry of Economics and Technology) tackled the issue of civil security. Panel II discussed cyber security, Panel III the use of space, Panel IV the protection of crisis-management forces, Panel V armaments exports and Panel VI the use of development policy to support fragile states.

On the agenda for the second day of the Conference were the following topics: a common European market for security and defence (Panel VII), C4ISR – command and control in operations (Panel VIII), unmanned systems (Panel IX), CBRN (Panel X), EU and NATO response forces (Panel XI) and ballistic missile defence (Panel XII). The panels provided the opportunity for an exchange of information and a more in-depth discussion of questions raised by the audience, as well as allowing industry to present the latest concepts and developments. The panel sessions are thus an important part of the Conference.

### Major contributions from industry

Much to the organisers' satisfaction, the 10th Congress on European Security and Defence met with an overwhelming response from industry. Representatives of German and national firms were able to contribute to the main programme and panel sessions. Jon Ramsey (CTO Dell SecureWorks), Jean-Paul Herteman (President, Safran Group), Volker Smid (General Manager and Vice-President, HP Germany), Dr. Lutz Heuser (CTO AGT International and CEO AGT Germany), Edward Hanlon (President, Raytheon International Inc. Europe), John Brooks (President, Northrop International) and Thomas Müller (CFO, Astrium) drew attention during their interventions to the major issues from the industrial standpoint and to the fact that their companies could provide effective support to European security and defence.

The Andel's Convention Center offers excellent facilities for the exhibition held in parallel to the Conference. A dedicated "events level" in the basement provides space for a large number of companies. The

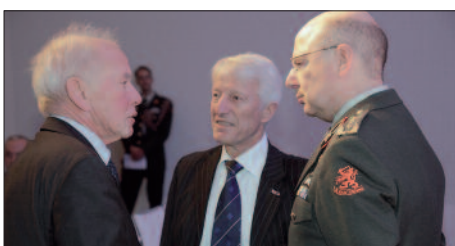
more than 900 participants were able to engage in on-the-spot discussions with exhibitors. Industry's involvement in the main programme and panel sessions in addition to the exhibition itself gives it the opportunity to present new concepts and developments and to make new contacts.

### Positive results

The Berlin Security Conference has proven once again that it is the right event in the right place: no other congress has been dealing for so many years and in so much depth with such a wide range of security and defence policy issues. The Advisory Board, which counts among its members Bundestag Defence Committee Chairwoman Dr. Susanne Kastner, the Minister of State in the German Foreign Office, Dr. Werner Hoyer, and the President of the Konrad Adenauer Foundation, Dr. Hans-Gert Pöttering, helps guarantee the quality of the programme content.

For numerous participants from Germany and abroad including many key figures, the Congress on European Security and Defence has become a major occasion for exchanges of views and networking. Many participants value this and have become regular visitors to Berlin. The pre-conference reception at the Polish Embassy, the discussions at the end of the first day and during the coffee breaks provided as many opportunities to engage in conversations and make contacts. The Berlin Security Conference supports the very necessary exchange of information between politicians, the military and representatives of security bodies and industry.

The Behörden Spiegel will continue the Berlin Security Conference series next year with the 11th Congress on European Security and Defence to be held on 27 and 28 November 2012. Please note the dates in your diaries! The Andel's Convention Center fully lived up to expectations and will open its doors again next year. Information about this year's Congress and soon also about the plans for next year's event can be found at [www.euro-defence.eu](http://www.euro-defence.eu).





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- European Industry Policy – the balance between civil security and military defence
- The European Financial Crises and its impact on the budgets of security and defence

## Security and Defence Issues

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