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Emcees: **Thomas Wright**, Director and Senior Fellow, Center on the United States and Europe, Brookings Institution
Dearbhla Doyle, Head of the Political, Security, and Development Section, EU Delegation to the U.S.

09.00 AM

WELCOMING REMARKS

Stavros Lambrinidis, European Union Ambassador to the United States
Gen. (Ret.) John R. Allen, President, Brookings Institution

09.10 AM

TRANSATLANTIC LINK TODAY AND TOMORROW

Conversation with:

Annegret Kramp-Karrenbauer, Minister of Defense, Germany, on behalf of the German Presidency of the EU Council

Moderator:

Constanze Stelzenmüller, Senior Fellow, Center on the United States and Europe, Brookings Institution

09.40 AM

TRANSATLANTIC DEFENSE POLICY AFTER THE VIRUS

The COVID-19 crisis is arguably one of the most serious challenges to confront Europe and the United States since World War II. For some, it marks the end of the post-9/11 moment which must force us to adapt our definition of national security. For others, not much has changed. For others still, it will accelerate great power competition. What implications will COVID-19 have on the transatlantic security landscape, including strategic reflections within the EU and NATO?

Panel discussion featuring:

R. Clarke Cooper, Assistant Secretary for Political-Military Affairs, U.S. Department of State
Charles Fries, Deputy Secretary General for Common Security and Defence Policy, European External Action Service
Kori Schake, Director, Foreign and Defense Policy Studies, American Enterprise Institute

Moderator:

Mara Karlin, Nonresident Senior Fellow, Security and Strategy, Brookings Institution; Director of Strategic Studies and Associate Professor, Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies

10.30 AM

DEFENSE SPENDING AND CAPABILITIES AFTER COVID-19

Is defense spending destined to plummet as a result of the global pandemic and associated economic downturn? How can resources be allocated more effectively? What capabilities do Europeans need given the range of challenges they face? How can U.S. and European institutions improve their pandemic preparedness?

Conversation with:

Ellen Lord, Undersecretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment, U.S. Department of Defense

Panel discussion featuring:

General Claudio Graziano, Chairman, EU Military Committee
Kelly Magsamen, Vice President, National Security and International Policy, Center for American Progress
Timo Pesonen, Director General for Defence Industry and Space, European Commission
Jiří Šedivý, Chief Executive, European Defence Agency

Moderator:

Michael E. O'Hanlon, Senior Fellow and Director of Research, Foreign Policy, Brookings Institution

11.30 AM

OPERATIONAL COOPERATION IN AFRICA

What are the main challenges on the ground and how can transatlantic military cooperation help to address them? How are Operation Irini and the EU Training Mission in Mali supporting security and stability? How can the EU support its partners to address the COVID-19 crisis, including through civil-military cooperation, and what role could NATO play to change its engagement in Africa?

Panel discussion featuring:

Kate Almquist Knopf, Director, Africa Center for Strategic Studies

Major General Hermínio Maio, Deputy Director, Military Planning and Conduct Capability, European External Action Service

Brigadier General František Ridzák, Mission Force Commander, EU Training Mission Mali

Brigadier General William Zana, Deputy Director for J5 Politico-Military Affairs (Africa)

Moderator:

Kimberly Dozier, Contributor, TIME Magazine; Global Affairs Analyst, CNN

12.15 PM

DETERRENCE, NON-PROLIFERATION AND ARMS CONTROL

This panel will look at the U.S. withdrawal from the INF treaty citing Russian violations and what comes next; the German decision on dual-capable aircraft; and the future of the arms control/non-proliferation regime, including New Start, as well as the need to expand key frameworks to include China.

Conversation with:

Marshall Billingslea, U.S. Special Presidential Envoy for Arms Control

Panel discussion featuring:

Susanne Baumann, German Federal Government Commissioner for Disarmament and Arms Control

Bonnie Jenkins, Nonresident Senior Fellow, Foreign Policy, Brookings Institution

Moderator:

Frank A. Rose, Senior Fellow, Security and Strategy, Foreign Policy, Brookings Institution

13.30 PM

DAY 1 CONCLUSION

09.00 AM

WELCOMING REMARKS

Thomas Wright, Director and Senior Fellow, Center on the United States and Europe, Brookings Institution

Dearbhla Doyle, Head of the Political, Security and Development Section, EU Delegation to the U.S.

09.05 AM

EU DEFENSE, EU-NATO COOPERATION TODAY AND TOMORROW

Keynote remarks by:

Josep Borrell, High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, Vice President of the European Commission

Conversation with:

Mircea Geoană, Deputy Secretary General, North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)

Gen. (Ret.) John R. Allen, President, Brookings Institution

09.45 AM

OPPORTUNITIES TO STRENGTHEN THE EU-NATO-US COOPERATION: FROM MILITARY MOBILITY TO RESILIENCE

What can the EU, NATO and the U.S. do to reinforce each other on resilience building, protection of critical infrastructure and assets, hybrid, and 5G? What are the opportunities and challenges to increase military mobility? What are the prospects for future EU-NATO cooperation in Europe and operational theatres, such as Afghanistan and Iraq?

Conversation with:

James Appathurai, Deputy Assistant Secretary General for Political Affairs, North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)

Kathleen Hicks, Senior Vice President, Henry A. Kissinger Chair, and Director, International Security Program, Center for Strategic and International Studies

Herald Ruijters, Director for Investment, Innovative, and Sustainable Transport, DG Mobility and Transport, European Commission

Michael Ryan, Deputy Assistant Secretary for European and NATO Policy, U.S. Department of Defense

Moderator:

Fiona Hill, Senior Fellow, Center on the United States and Europe, Brookings Institution

10.45 AM

EU DEFENSE AND TRANSATLANTIC SECURITY: A PERSPECTIVE FROM LATVIA

Conversation with:

Artis Pabriks, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defence, Republic of Latvia

Moderator:

Molly Montgomery, Nonresident Fellow, Center on the United States and Europe, Brookings Institution, and Vice President, Europe Practice, Albright Stonebridge Group

11.00 AM

ADDRESSING THE TECHNOLOGY CHALLENGE POSED BY CHINA

How can the United States and Europe cooperate on defense policy to address the China challenge? What are the key differences likely to be? Is some decoupling necessary, especially with regard to technology and critical supply chains? What are the implications of 5G security on defense cooperation? How can the US, the EU, and NATO foster innovation to better leverage AI and work together towards setting international rules for AI? How can the EU and US preserve space for cooperation with China?

Conversation with:

Elbridge Colby, Principal, The Marathon Initiative

Alice Ekman, Senior Analyst, Asia, EU Institute for Security Studies

Laura Rosenberger, Senior Fellow and Director, Alliance for Securing Democracy, German Marshall Fund of the United States

Roberto Viola, Director General, Communications Networks, Content and Technology, European Commission

Moderator:

Lindsey Ford, David M. Rubenstein Fellow, Foreign Policy, Brookings Institution

12.00 PM

LEADERSHIP IN DEFENSE: VOICES FROM PARLIAMENT

Conversation with:

Chrissy Houlahan, Member of Congress (Pennsylvania-6), House Armed Services Committee

Will Hurd, Member of Congress (Texas-23), House Appropriations Committee and House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence

Radosław Sikorski, Member of the European Parliament, Chair of the Delegation for Relations with the United States

Moderator:

Thomas Wright, Director and Senior Fellow, Center on the United States and Europe, Brookings Institution

12.40 PM

CONCLUDING CONVERSATION ON EU DEFENSE AND THE TRANSATLANTIC SECURITY: A PERSPECTIVE FROM THE NETHERLANDS

Conversation with:

Ank Bijleveld, Minister of Defense, The Netherlands

Moderator:

Amanda Sloat, Robert Bosch Senior Fellow, Center on the United States and Europe, Brookings Institution

13.00 PM

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