



**Niels Annen**

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**High-Level Debate**

**Europe on the way to a new Security and Defence  
Union – from vision to reality!?**

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Niels Annen has been Minister of State at the Federal Foreign Office since March 2018. Until his inauguration, MP Annen acted as spokesperson on foreign affairs for the SPD Parliamentary Group in the German Bundestag. He was elected to the Bundestag for the first time in 2005 and was re-elected in 2013 and 2017. Mr Annen has been a member of the SPD's Executive Committee since 2003.

Niels Annen was a senior resident fellow with the German Marshall Fund in Washington, D.C. (2010 to 2011), and a researcher at the International Policy Analysis unit of the Friedrich Ebert Foundation (2011 to 2013). He holds several honorary offices, such as member of the Executive Board of the German Council on Foreign Relations (GCFR) and member of the Advisory Council of the Atlantic Initiative. From 2001 to 2004 he was chairman of the Federal Executive Board of the Young Socialists. Mr Annen holds a Master of International Public Policy from Johns Hopkins University.