Europe and its external challenges – a 360° approach in uncertain times

Planning for the Berlin Security Conference 2019
Review 2018

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Congress on European Security and Defence

2018: European Security and Defence – remaining Transatlantic, acting more European

2017: Europe under pressure – security and defence in unpredictable times

2016: Europe at risk – what are our answers to common threats?

2015: Euro-Atlantic Partnership – firm anchor in a turbulent world

2014: Europe’s Neighbourhood – Unrest and Instability

2013: Post-Afghanistan – new requirements and opportunities for politics, the military and industry
Berlin Security Conference
A Congress on Security and Defence

Conference Profile
The Berlin Security Conference is one of the largest European security and defence policy events. The congress and exhibition, held every autumn since 2001 in Berlin, draw about 1,200 participants from European and non-European countries, the European institutions, and NATO. The 18th Berlin Security Conference will take place at the Vienna House Andel’s Berlin on 26 and 27 November 2019.

The Berlin Security Conference is organised by the Behörden Spiegel, Germany’s leading independent civil service newspaper. The event is free of any government influence. It is not supported by public budgets and is therefore at liberty to take a neutral and objective stance. The many participants appreciate this independence.

Major Subjects
European Security and Defence
The Berlin Security Conference is a forum aimed at promoting the Common Security and Defence Policy. It focuses on issues concerning the European Parliament, the Commission and the Council as well as national parliaments and ministries. The emphasis is on proposing and discussing concrete solutions aimed at improving European and transatlantic political, operational and tactical cooperation. The goal is to develop ways to mitigate the frictions caused by insufficient capabilities, inadequate standardisation, the lack of interoperability, differences in the levels of support and national restrictions.

Transatlantic Cooperation
Security in Europe must be ensured by cooperating closely with the United States while taking the requirements of the EU’s and NATO’s neighbours into account. Transatlantic cooperation and future security structures will therefore be a central focus of the conference. Members of the EU, NATO and OSCE contribute to the programme and participate in the Berlin Security Conferences.

The European Post-Cold War Security System
Despite the fact that there is currently considerable disagreement with the Russian Federation, Europe has become a continent of stability and peace. NATO and the EU have substantially contributed to this success. However, the increasing tension indicates that the European Post-Cold War Security System will need to be adjusted.

Neighbourhood
The Berlin Security Conference deals with European issues of security and defence, but looks also beyond Europe’s borders. Afghanistan has been the focus many times. The Middle East and Africa are areas of major concern requiring continuous attention. Neighbourhood policy is a decisive issue of security and defence.

Partners
For some years now nations have been invited to become partners of the Berlin Security Conference. They contribute to the programme, participate with high-ranking delegations and organise the pre-event Reception in their embassies. Partners thus far include:
- BSC 2012: Russian Federation
- BSC 2013: United Kingdom
- BSC 2014: Turkey
- BSC 2015: United States of America
- BSC 2016: France
- BSC 2017: Sweden
- BSC 2018: Netherlands
- BSC 2019: Italy

Speakers and Participants
In addition to over 140 distinguished speakers including political, military, business and civil society leaders the conference draws an ever larger number of members of national parliaments and the European Parliament, as well representatives of the European institutions and NATO. Foreign and Defence Ministers, Ambassadors, Generals, Admirals and industry representatives see the conference as an invaluable forum for addressing a wide range of topics related to security and defence policy. Members of the armed forces, representing all ranks and a wide range of European countries and multinational staffs, as well as representatives of security organisations and industry, contribute to the lively exchange of views and hence to the success of the conference.
Berlin Security Conference at a glance

- International forum for security and defence
- Gathering of political and military decision-makers
- Participants from armed forces and security organisations
- Keynote speeches by Ministers / State Secretaries, EU Commissioners and business leaders
- Main programme with international political, military and business leaders
- Panel sessions with international experts
- Exhibition with leading systems solutions manufacturers
- Media coverage by the print press, radio and television
- Congress languages English and German. French interpretation is also provided for the main programme.

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The event is supported by an Advisory Board made up of distinguished international personalities.

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Topics for the Berlin Security Conference 2019

General Issues
- European Security and Regional Stability
- The Mediterranean Sea and North Africa
- PESCO and the EU Defence Strategy
- European Naval Cooperation
- Arms Control
- The role and importance of the OSCE
- UN Resolution 1325 – Women, Peace and Security
- Brexit – a view to European Security and Defence
- Relationship between NATO and the EU

Security and Defence
- Regional Cooperation in the Mediterranean Area
- NATO Strategic Direction South
- Military Mobility and force projection
- Joint and Combined Armed Forces
- Terrorism – the future of countering ISIS
- Cyber Security / Defence
- Multinational Air Power
- NATO/EU initiatives for medical operations

Technology, Research, Development and Procurement
- Conflict Scenarios of the Future
- The European Defence Architecture
- Procurement and Innovation in uncertain times
- Energy and water in military operations
- Capability development in EU, NATO and Nations
- Digitization versus Cyber threats
- Interoperability of Armed Forces
- European Future Combat Aircrafts

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