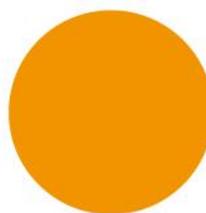




European Forum of Think Tanks BERLIN 2012



European influence under scrutiny

Berlin, 26-27 June 2012

Programme

Twenty years after the Treaty of Maastricht created the Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP), do Europeans really understand the danger of marginalisation they face on the international stage today? Focused on the turmoil of the Eurozone crisis and the impact of economic stagnation on European societies, EU Member States have a feeling of a loss of EU influence on the international arena. In 2012 the verdict looks all the more harsh given that the emerging trends of the 2000s – the appearance and rise of new actors – are transformed by financial crises and Western public debt into a full-scale reversal of the relationship between emerging countries and the West.

While the economic rebound of emerging powers has changed the balance of power and brought demands for better representation in international bodies and better protection of their interests (see the disillusion of Copenhagen), a risk of lasting decline of Europe's economic power and budget capacities could lead to a significant reduction in its external influence, contributing to a security world order and developing global regulation.

The **2012 edition of the European Forum of think tanks** held by Notre Europe, in partnership with SWP and l'Agence Europe, will bring together during a day and half a group of key representatives from European think tanks, European institutions, media and the economic world, for a stimulating debate on the new challenges of European influence.

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Tuesday 26 June 2012 - Think Global



Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik (SWP)
Ludwigkirchplatz 3-4
10719 Berlin

2pm

Welcome and introduction

Yves Bertoncini, Secretary-General, Notre Europe
Volker Perthes, Director, SWP

2.15pm – 4pm
First session

The EU on a global stage: shrinking or swimming?

How much have the financial crisis, the increasing public debt and the growth stagnation weakened the EU? Is there a decline of the European model of regional integration? In what field has the EU lost or gained ground? How to reset EU influence with new priorities?

Chair
Keynote speaker
Comment

Elvire Fabry, Senior Research Fellow, Notre Europe
Pascal Lamy, General Director, WTO
Etienne Davignon, Chairman, Egmont Institute

4pm – 4.30

Coffee Break

4.30pm – 6pm
Second session

How to measure European influence? A view from outside

How do international powers define influence? What is their assessment of the European influence? What are their strategies and main instruments towards the EU in the context of shifting power?

Chair
Keynote speaker
Comment

Volker Perthes, Director, SWP
Richard Cooper, Professor, Harvard University
Pawel Swieboda, Director, DemosEuropa

Dinner

Käfer restaurant - Reichstag

Wednesday 27 June 2012 - Act European



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9am – 11am
Third session

Towards a European geo-economic strategy?

Europe faces important internal challenges: demographic decline, low economic growth and resource shortage. Can the EU bring an added value in those fields? Should the EU build a common geo-economic strategy? How so? How should it be reconciled with value-oriented external policies?

Chair **Daniela Schwarzer**, Head of Division European Integration, SWP

Speakers **Iain Begg**, Professorial Research Fellow, LSE
Hans-Peter Keitel, President of the German Federation of Industries (BDI) and of the SWP Council
Paweł Zalewski, MEP
Pierre Vimont, Executive Secretary General, EEAS

11am-11.15am **Coffee Break**

11.15am – 1.15pm
Fourth session

Reciprocity, conditionality, sanctions and bilateralism vs multilateralism: what future for an EU normative strategy?

What could be a European smart power? Is the European way of promoting norms (economic, environmental and social norms, financial regulation...) an adequate and efficient strategy of influence? Should the EU be more offensive?

Chair **Laurent Cohen-Tanugi**, Member of the Board, Notre Europe

Speakers **Marjut Hannonen**, Cabinet member of EU Commissioner for Trade
Richard Youngs, Director General, Fride
Stephen Woolcock, Director of the International Trade Policy Unit, LSE

1.15pm – 2.30pm **Lunch break**

2.30pm – 4.30pm
Fifth session

A reset of the EU security strategy: priorities and capacities

What has to happen to make the EU capable of strategic action? With the US's strategic interest shifting from European regional security issues to Asia, should the EU refocus its security and defense strategy on its neighbourhood? How? How can it develop an innovative management of European security with other main regional actors (Russia, Turkey, ...)? Can budgetary constraints be turned into an impulse for pooling and sharing European hard power capacities?

Chair **Jan Techau**, Director, Carnegie Europe

Keynote speaker **Michael Georg Link**, Minister of State, Federal Foreign Office of Germany

Speakers **Sven Biscop**, Director EU in the world, Egmont
Ronja Kempin, Head of Research Unit, SWP
Pierre Morel, EU Special representative for Central Asia, EEAS

4.30 – 5pm Conclusion

António Vitorino, President, *Notre Europe*