

“NATO and the European Union: Improving Practical Cooperation”

A transatlantic workshop organized by the Institute for National Strategic Studies, in partnership with the Ministry of Defense of Finland

Working agenda

Weekend of March 18-19: Participants arriving from Europe are kindly requested to make their own arrangements for transportation to hotel(s).

Monday, March 20

0800-0830: Arrival and registration of participants at Marshall Hall, National Defense University, Fort McNair (Southwest Washington, DC). Van transportation from hotel(s) will be available. Coffee/light pastries.

0830-0850: Welcome and overview remarks by INSS and Ministry of Defense of Finland representatives.

0850-1030: ***Panel I: NATO-EU cooperation in Bosnia.*** Key questions include: adequacy of cooperation during planning phase; lessons learned from implementation of “Berlin Plus” arrangements; ways to facilitate possible future cooperation in Kosovo. Invited panelists will include officials with direct experience in EU Operation Althea and NATO HQ-Sarajevo, plus representatives from NATO and EU headquarter structures.

1030-1045: Break.

1045-1215: ***Panel II: NATO-EU cooperation in support of African Union in Darfur.*** Key questions include: means to improve cooperation in capacity-building for third party organizations; how to develop long-term strategy, meshing “comparative advantages” of NATO, EU, and other international actors. Invited panelists will include policy officials from U.S. and European capitals.

1215-1330: Working lunch. Remarks by a senior U.S. policy official, followed by a question and answer session.

1330-1345: Break.

1345-1515: ***Panel III: Options for cooperation involving NATO Response Force and EU Battlegroups.*** Key questions: what additional tools and/or linkages might help ensure an effective result in the event of employment of rapid reaction forces—for example, in a plausible crisis scenario involving Africa. Invited panelists will include civilian and military officials from capitals and EU and NATO headquarter structures.

1515-1530: Break.

1530-1700: ***Panel IV: Options for cooperation involving civilian-military responses.***

Key questions: what additional tools and/or linkages might help ensure an effective result in the event of a natural disaster outside Europe (e.g., on scale of Pakistan earthquake relief), or in the event of a major terrorist threat close to Europe. Invited panelists will include a former senior U.S. civilian official, a senior European military officer, and representatives from NATO and EU headquarter structures.

1700-1715: Van transportation to hotel(s). Evening free.

Tuesday, March 21

0930-1000: Arrival at Embassy of Finland, Massachusetts Avenue, Northwest Washington, DC. Van transportation from hotel(s) will be available. Coffee.

1000-1200: His Excellency Ambassador Lintu will host an “on the record” discussion of NATO-EU cooperation with an invited audience of representatives of embassies in Washington, prominent non-government experts, academics, and media interested in transatlantic issues. Finnish and INSS representatives, along with the four workshop moderators, will broadly outline the key issues raised during the workshop, consistent with “Chatham House rules.” Workshop participants will have the opportunity, should they so desire, to offer their individual perspectives.

1200: End of event. Departing participants are kindly requested to make their own arrangements for transportation to Dulles airport.