

EUROPE IN ACTION: BUILDING SECURITY TOGETHER

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Day 1 (Thursday 22 May)



11:30-12:15

Registration & lunch



12:15-12:45

Welcome

- **Jim Cloos**, Secretary-General, TEPSA
- **Peter Kragelund**, Director, DIIS

TEPSA Recommendations

- **Richard Youngs**, Senior Fellow, Carnegie Europe & TEPSA Board Member



12:45 - 13:15

Keynote

- **Marie Bjerre**, Danish Minister for European Affairs

Keynote (online)

- **Olha Stefanishyna**, Ukrainian Deputy Prime Minister for European and Euro-Atlantic Integration and Minister of Justice



13:15-14:30

Plenary Session I

“Europe rearmed: Ukraine and the future of security”

- **Ian Bond**, Deputy Director, Centre for European Reform
- **Svitlana Chekunova**, Leading Expert, Energy Programmes, Razumkov Centre
- TBC

Moderated by: **Christine Nissen**, Chief Analyst, Think Tank EUROPA



14:30-15:00

Coffee break



15:00-16:15

Plenary Session II

“The past, present and future of EU enlargement”

- **Saskia Hollander**, Senior Research Fellow, Clingendael Institute
- **Danijela Jačimović**, Full Professor, University of Montenegro & TEPSA Board Member
- **Kristi Raik**, Director, International Centre for Defence and Security & TEPSA Board Member

Moderated by: **Cecilie Felicia Stokholm Banke**, Head of Unit, Foreign Policy and Diplomacy, DIIS



17:30-19:00

Evening Event

“Revitalising the Weimar Triangle: A conversation on European security”

Hosted by the Embassy of France, Kongens Nytorv 4, 1050 Copenhagen. 30 minutes discussion followed by a reception.

The evening event is hosted in cooperation with the Embassy of France, the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany and the Embassy of the Republic of Poland.

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Day 2 (Friday 23 May)



09:00-10:15

TEPSA General Assembly (*upon invitation only*)



10:25-11:25

Parallel Sessions

“The EU’s global engagement in a multipolar world”

- **Ambassador Birgitte Markussen**, Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- **Senem Aydin-Düzgit**, Professor, Sabanci University
- **Amandine Sabourin**, Policy Analyst, ECDPM

Moderated by: **Sarah Kristine Poppelkvist**, PhD Student, DIIS

“The EU’s balancing act as a global maritime security provider”

- **Ambassador Nicolai Ruge**, Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- **Tobias Liebetrau**, Researcher, University of Copenhagen
- **Kristina Siig**, Professor, University of Southern Denmark

Moderated by: **Jessica Larsen**, Senior Researcher, DIIS



11:25-11:45

Coffee & snack break



11:45-12:45

Parallel Sessions

“Between the United States and China: Protecting and promoting the EU’s trade and competitiveness”

- **Svend Roed Nielsen**, Senior Adviser, Think Tank EUROPA
- **Seamus Allen**, Researcher, Institute of International & European Affairs

Moderated by: **Luke Patey**, Senior Researcher, DIIS

“Staying the course: Advancing Europe’s energy transition amid global tensions”

- **Luke O’ Callaghan-White**, Programme Lead, E3G
- **Julia Kirch Kirkegaard**, Full Professor, Danish Technical University
- **Bertel Dons Christensen**, Head of Department, Danish Ministry of Climate, Energy and Utilities
- **Federica Prandin**, Research Fellow, Finnish Institute of International Affairs

Moderated by: **Izabela Surwillo**, Senior Researcher, DIIS



12:45-13:00

Conclusions

- **Cecilie Felicia Stokholm Banke**, Head of Unit, Foreign Policy and Diplomacy, DIIS
- **Lucia Mokrá**, Chairperson of the Board, TEPSA

About TEPSA



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