PUBLIC DEBATE
"SECURITY, DEFENCE, AND THE FUTURE OF EUROPE: PERSPECTIVES FROM POLAND"

Europe is facing a period of intense pressure. Russia's war against Ukraine, the rise of hybrid threats and foreign interference, and a hostile transatlantic relationship are reshaping the European security environment. At the same time, domestic political turmoil is shaking the continent; citizens are losing faith in their governments, and the economic and energy crises are opening the door to polarisation.

Poland has become the latest European country to erupt into protests. The suspension of the country's Constitutional Tribunal chief has triggered a crisis, unveiling the fragmentation of the Polish political system.

How does Poland view the domestic and external challenges facing the Union? Is security and defence a priority for Polish citizens? And how will strengthening the European security architecture impact people's lives? To discuss this and other questions, TEPSA and Faculty of Political Science and International Studies of the University of Warsaw are co-organising the online public debate, "Security, defence and the future of Europe: Perspectives from Poland", on 3 December at 16:00 CET.

The event will also serve as an occasion to present the Polish chapter of TEPSA's latest book: "Security, Defence, and the Future of Europe: Views from the Capitals", which gathers 42 European domestic perspectives on issues related to peace, security, and defence.

Expert panellists will guide the discussions, including:

- **Kinga Torbicka**, Assistant Professor at the Department of Strategic Studies and International Security, University of Warsaw;
- **Teresa Usewicz**, Professor at the Polish Naval Academy;
- **Marcin Zubek**, PhD in Political Science and Assistant Professor at the Institute of European Studies, Jagiellonian University.

The event will be moderated by **Paul Schmidt**, Secretary-General of the Austrian Society for European Affairs (ÖGfE).

This debate will bring together leading experts and co-authors of TEPSA's latest book on the future of Europe, edited by Michael Kaeding, Johannes Pollak and Paul Schmidt, and published by Springer Nature.

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