

12th Annual Handelsblatt Conference

Security Policy and the Defence Industry

Europe Under Pressure - Looking for a Common Direction



Meet these and other renowned experts:

Lieutenant General Heinrich Brauß, Assistant Secretary General for Defence Policy and Planning, International Staff of the NATO | **Frank Haun**, CEO, Krauss-Maffei Wegmann | **Dr. Hans-Georg Maaßen**, President of the Federal Office for the Protection of the Constitution | **Matthias Machnig**, State Secretary at the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy, Germany | **Prof. Dr. Volker Perthes**, Director of the German Institute for International and Security Affairs | **Lieutenant General Riho Terras**, Commander of the Estonian Defence Forces (Chief of Defence), Estonia



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John B. Emerson

U.S. Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany

KEYNOTE



Bernhard Mattes

President of the American Chamber of Commerce in Germany and Chairman of the Management Board, Ford-Werke GmbH

DISCUSSION



Host: **Sven Afhüppe**, Editor in Chief, Handelsblatt

John B. Emerson

Bernhard Mattes

Brigadier General Carsten Breuer, Commissioner for the White Paper, Federal Ministry of Defence, Germany

From 20.30 onwards **Get-Together**

First Conference Day, 29 September 2015

8.30 – 9.00 Check-In

9.00 – 9.10

Opening and Address of Welcome by the Hosts



Sven Afhüppe, Editor in Chief, Handelsblatt GmbH

Rolf Clement, Correspondent for Security Policy, Deutschlandfunk

Current Challenges in Foreign and Internal Politics

9.10 – 9.30

KEYNOTE



Dr. Günter Krings,

Parliamentary State Secretary at the Federal Ministry of the Interior

9.30 – 9.40

INTERVIEW with the State Secretary

Conducted by **Sven Afhüppe**

The Crisis in Ukraine and the Future of European-Russian Relations

The prevailing crisis in Ukraine is putting the relations between EU Member States and NATO Partners on the one hand and Russia on the other to the test. Should the economic sanctions against Russia be upheld? Is the shipment of arms to Ukraine a viable option? Should Germany take on greater responsibility? And can a European division be prevented? Issues like these cannot be taken lightly and answers do not come easily.

9.40 – 10.00

KEYNOTE



Dr. Markus Ederer, State Secretary of the Federal Foreign Office, Germany

10.00 – 10.10

INTERVIEW with the State Secretary

Conducted by **Rolf Clement**

10.10 – 11.30

PANEL DISCUSSION

Relations to Russia



Hosted by: **Rolf Clement**

Elmar Brok, Member of the European Parliament and Chairman of the Committee of Foreign Affairs of the European Parliament
Dr. Markus Ederer

Dr. Marcus Felsner, President, Osteuropaverein der deutschen Wirtschaft

Alexander Hug, Deputy Chief Monitor of the OSCE Special Monitoring Mission (SMM) to Ukraine

Alexander Rahr, Expert in Eastern European History, Political Scientist, Journalist

11.30 – 12.00 Coffee Break

Chaos in the Middle East and its Impact on Europe's Inner Security

Several centers of conflict in the Middle East, the Arab World and Africa pose challenges regarding both domestic and foreign policies for the EU and Germany. Is there a way to approach these crises locally? Is diplomacy alone sufficient or should a more active intervention be considered? How do these conflicts affect inner security and how should Europe react to the increasing number of refugees?

12.00 – 12.20

KEYNOTE

Hot Spot Middle East – A New Dimension of Peril?



Dr. Hans-Georg Maaßen, President of the Federal Office for the Protection of the Constitution

12.20 – 13.30

PANEL DISCUSSION



Hosted by: Rolf Clement

Dr. Hans-Georg Maaßen

Paul Elmar Jöris, Journalist

Dr. Konstantin von Notz, Member of the Committee on Internal Affairs, Deutscher Bundestag

Prof. Dr. Volker Perthes, Director of the German Institute for International and Security Affairs

13.30 – 14.30 Lunch Break

Defence Policy Reactions – NATO Readiness Action Plan

The Readiness Action Plan agreed upon at the NATO Wales Summit 2014 is a direct response to the challenges in terms of security policy posed by the crises in Ukraine and the conflicts in the Middle East. The focal point of the Plan is the establishment of the so called “Spearhead”, a rapid response force, ready to deploy in approximately 24 hours. The first exercises of the Spearhead force took place in June under the command of the 1 German-Netherlands Corps.

Are the German Armed Forces and their NATO Partners sufficiently equipped for a rapid response force like Spearhead? How is the role of Germany seen by its NATO partners?

14.30 – 14.50

KEYNOTE

Fundamental Changes in European Security and the Prospective Focus of the NATO



Lieutenant General Heinrich Brauß, Assistant Secretary General for Defence Policy and Planning, International Staff of the NATO

14.50 – 16.00

PANEL DISCUSSION



Hosted by: Rolf Clement

Dr. Hans-Peter Bartels, Parliamentary Commissioner for the Armed Forces, Deutscher Bundestag

Lieutenant General Heinrich Brauß

Lieutenant General Volker R. Halbauer, Commander 1. DEU/NL (German/Netherlands) Corps and Commander Land Component Command NRF 2015

Dr. Bastian Giegerich, Director of Defence and Military Analysis, IISS The International Institute for Strategic Studies

Colonel (retd.) Roderich Kiesewetter, Member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, Deutscher Bundestag

16.00 – 16.30 Coffee Break

Hybrid Warfare – Known, yet Unknown?

The concept of so called “hybrid warfare” is certainly not a new one, but the combination of methods has reached a new dimension. Dealing with military actions extended to the civil domain poses an unprecedented challenge for the West. What kind of skills and capabilities are needed to effectively react to “hybrid” attacks? Is there political support for the acquisition of such skills? And what preventive measures should be taken?

16.30 – 16.50

KEYNOTE



Lieutenant General Riho Terras, Commander of the Estonian Defence Forces (Chief of Defence), Estonia

16.50 – 18.00

PANEL DISCUSSION



Hosted by: Rolf Clement

Lieutenant General Riho Terras

Lars Klingbeil, Member of the Defence Committee, Deutscher Bundestag

Dr. Claudia Major, Senior Associate International Security, German Institute for International and Security Affairs

Christoph Unger, President of the Federal Office of Civil Protection and Disaster Assistance

18.00 Conclusion of the First Conference Day and Drinks at the Hotel

18.45 Departure for the Evening Event

From 19.00

EXCLUSIVE DINNER AT AUSTERNBANK DER GENDARMERIE BERLIN



Second Conference Day, 30 September 2015



Host: Rolf Clement

9.15 – 9.25

Opening

European Security and Defence Policy

The Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) gained new momentum in the light of the current crises unfolding at the European border. From a theoretical point of view there are no doubts regarding the necessity for a deeper coordination of national defence strategies - putting these ideals into practice has been the main focus of the EU defence Summit in June. Preconditions for an effective CSDP are the preservation and strengthening of European capabilities as a whole. Despite the new security situation, some EU member states only increased their military budget rather selectively. A further extension of European cooperation in matters of armament is imperative. We are joining the ongoing debate as to which steps should be taken towards an effective collaboration.

9.25 – 9.45

KEYNOTE

Ongoing Challenges for the German Security and Defence Industry



Matthias Machnig, State Secretary at the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy, Germany

9.45 – 10.00

INTERVIEW with the State Secretary

Conducted by Rolf Clement

10.00 – 10.30 Coffee Break

10.30 – 10.50

KEYNOTE

En Route towards a Consolidated European Defence Industry



Frank Haun,

CEO, Krauss-Maffei Wegmann GmbH & Co. KG

10.50 – 11.00

INTERVIEW with Frank Haun

Conducted by Rolf Clement

11.00 – 12.15

PANEL DISCUSSION

European Arms Cooperation and Collaboration



Hosted by: Rolf Clement

Dr. Aude Fleurant, Director, SIPRI Arms and Military Expenditure Program, SIPRI Stockholm International Peace Research Institute

Claus Günther, Chairman of the Security Committee, Federation of German Industries (BDI)

Frank Haun

Dr. Gundbert Scherf, Commissioner for Strategic Control of National and International Armaments Activities of the Bundeswehr, Ministry of Defence

12.15 – 12.30

CONCLUDING REMARKS

From 12.30

Conclusion of the 12th Handelsblatt Conference with a Business-Lunch



Europe under Pressure

Looking for a Common Direction

The ongoing developments in Ukraine, the Middle East and the Arab World have a profound impact on Europe's internal and external security and demand a re-orientation of the security and defence policy from both the EU and the NATO. From the current foreign political agenda it becomes obvious that the present conflicts cannot be solved on a national level but require cooperation and collaboration on a multinational level.

The main focus of the 12th Annual Handelsblatt Conference on Security Policy and the Defence Industry thus lies on the issues and inherent challenges regarding the search for a common direction in terms of security policy. Leading European and German government officials, high-ranking military personnel as well as esteemed politicians and representatives of the defence industry and academia will be discussing scenarios and debating solutions.



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Kristian J Schnack, Director,
State of Victoria Europe Office

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Ronald Hangl, Sergeant Major,
Special Forces Command, Germany



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Universität der Bundeswehr

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Winfried Gräber, President,
German Airforce Association

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