

The United States and the European Union: Issues and Challenges

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Draft Agenda

Sunday, April 20, 2008

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Crowne Plaza Hotel

Ruiterij 1

Maastricht, NL

Arrival in Maastricht and Welcome Reception

- Simon Duke, Professor and Project Leader, European Institute of Public Administration (EIPA)
- Malcolm Ewing, Program Manager for Policy Programs, Center for Executive Education, the Brookings Institution

Monday, April 21, 2008

8:00 – 9:00 a.m.
Crowne Plaza Hotel

Breakfast in Hotel Restaurant

9:00 – 9:15 a.m.
Bordeaux Conference Room
EIPA, O.L.Vrouweplein 22

Opening and Introduction to the Seminar

- Simon Duke, Professor and Project Leader, EIPA

9:15 – 10:30 a.m.
Bordeaux Room

How Do We See Each Other? Perception and Misperception in Trans-Atlantic Relations

This session will attempt to provide some context for the following presentations by exploring the question of how we perceive each other, based on reputable public opinion poll data. This will include questions of leadership, foreign policy, religious belief as well as trade.

- Simon Duke, EIPA

10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Group Photograph and Coffee Break

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Bordeaux Room

The EU Institutions: The Basics of the Lisbon Treaty

As the title suggests, this session will examine the process of institutional reform and adaptation in light of first, the most recent enlargement of the Union and second, the rationale behind the suggested changes in the previous Constitutional Treaty, and their potential impact.

- Thomas Christiansen, Senior Lecturer, EIPA

1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Lunch in EIPA's restaurant

2:15 -- 4:00 p.m.
Bordeaux Room

The EC Legal System

The legal system of the European Union regulates the operation of the different institutions and determines what these can do and cannot do, as well as imposing rules on how things have to be done on all levels of government. In addition, the system interacts closely with the legal systems of the member states, subjecting national governments to a relatively tight discipline for an international organisation. This session will provide an overview of how the system and interactions work.

- Timm Rentrop, Senior Lecturer, EIPA

4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Guided Walking Tour of Maastricht

Starting Point: Entrance of European Institute of Public Administration
Finishing: Crowne Plaza

Tuesday, April 22, 2008

- 8:00 – 9:00 a.m.**
Crowne Plaza Hotel
- Breakfast in Hotel Restaurant**
- 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.**
Bordeaux Room, EIPA
- EU Economy and the Lisbon Agenda**
- Marco Lopriore, Senior Lecturer, EIPA
- 10:30 – 11:00 a.m.**
- Coffee Break**
- 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**
Bordeaux Room
- Economic and Monetary Union (EMU)**
- The progress and effects of monetary union will be assessed in this session, as will the role of the European Central Bank, the challenges posed by the stability pact and the prospects of the acceding countries to join the Eurozone.
- Gabriel Glöckler, Counsellor to the Vice-President, European Central Bank, Frankfurt, Germany
- 12.30 – 1:30 p.m.**
- Lunch in EIPA's restaurant**
- 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.**
Bordeaux Room
- The Area of Justice, Freedom and Security and the Post-9/11 Environment**
- The creation of an area of justice, freedom and security is a basic aim of European integration. This session will briefly review how this goal is being accomplished, a number of challenges *en route*, as well as some of the ramifications of activities in this area for trans-Atlantic relations.
- Lora Borissova, Lecturer, European Centre for Judges & Lawyers, Luxembourg
- 3:30 – 4:00 p.m.**
- Coffee Break**
- 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.**
Bordeaux Room
- External Relations: The Development of and Prospects for EU Crisis Prevention and Crisis Management Capabilities**
- The second pillar (the Common Foreign and Security Policy which includes the European Security and Defence Policy, as a more recent addition) has developed rapidly over the last few years. The decision-making aspects that are unique to CFSP will be reviewed, as will relations with other important organisations (such as NATO), and national positions on security and defence-related matters.
- Simon Duke, Professor and Project Leader, EIPA
- 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.**
- Dinner at Restaurant**
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Wednesday, April 23, 2008

- 7:00 – 8:00 a.m.**
Crowne Plaza Hotel **Breakfast in Hotel Restaurant**
- 8:15 a.m.** **Departure for U.S. Mission to the EU in Brussels**
Leave from Crowne Plaza Hotel, Maastricht by coach bus
- 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**
U.S. Mission to the EU
Zinnerstraat 13, Brussels **Current Issues in Trans-Atlantic Relations: Political and Security Perspectives**
- Christopher W. Murray, Deputy Chief of Mission, U.S. Mission to the European Union, Brussels
 - Marc Vanheukelen, Chef d'unité, DG Relex, European Commission, Brussels
- 12:00 p.m.**
First Euroflat Hotel
Boulevard Charlemagne 50
Brussels **Transfer by bus to First Euroflat Hotel**
- 12:30 – 2:00 p.m.** **Lunch**
- 2:15 – 3:45 p.m.** **Economic Issues in Trans-Atlantic Relations and Global Trade**
- Stephen Adams, Directorate General for Trade (Relations with the USA), Policy Coordination, European Commission, Brussels
 - Dan Mullaney, United States Trade Representative's Office, US Mission to the European Union, Brussels
- 3:45 – 4:00 p.m.** **Coffee Break**
- 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.** **European Counter-Terrorism Efforts and EU-U.S. Cooperation**
- Ivan Gelbard, Counter-terrorism Unit SC5, Europol, The Hague
- 5:30 p.m.** **Conclusion of session**
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Thursday, April 24, 2008

- 8:00 – 9:00 a.m.**
First Euroflat Hotel **Breakfast in Hotel Restaurant**
- 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.** **Enlarging the European Union: Challenges Beyond the Fifth Enlargement**
- Kaya, Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Turkey to the European Union
 - Maurice Guyader, DG Enlargement, European Commission, Brussels
- 10:30 – 11:00 a.m.** **Coffee Break**
- 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.** **EU-U.S. Relations: The Role of the European Parliament**
- Annemie Neyts-Uytterbroeck, Member of the European Parliament, Delegation for Relations with the United States, Brussels
- 12:30 – 2:00 p.m.** **Luncheon: A Parting of the Ways, or a Weighing of the Parts? The State of Trans-Atlantic Relations**
- Wolfgang Munchau, Associate Editor, *Financial Times*
- 2:15 p.m.** **Departure for the UK Permanent Delegation**
- 2:30 – 4:00 p.m.**
UK Permanent Delegation
Avenue Auderghem 10 **The Role of the Member States and the National Representations**
- Angus Lapsley, Counsellor, External Relations Section, United Kingdom Representation to the European Union
- 4:00 p.m.** **Return to the First Euroflat Hotel**
- 4:30 – 5:45 p.m.** **The Economic and Industrial Challenges of European Security**
- Arturo Alfonso-Meiriño, Colonel, Assistant Director, Industry and Market, European Defence Agency
 - Pierre-Philippe Bacri, Defence Industries Desk, DG Enterprise, European Commission, Brussels
- 7:30 p.m.** **Departure from hotel for dinner**
- 8:00 – 10:00 p.m.** **Dinner at restaurant**
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Friday, April 25, 2008

8:30 – 9:30 a.m.
First Euroflat Hotel

Breakfast in Hotel Restaurant

9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

EU-NATO Relations: Practitioners' Perspectives

- Jan van der Burg, Rear Admiral, Deputy Director General and Chief of Defence of the European Union, Council of the European Union; General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union, Brussels
- Zoltan Nagy, Head, NATO and Multilateral Affairs, NATO

11:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Coffee Break

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Non-Military Aspects of EU Crisis Management

- Keith Murray, DDG E IX Civilian Crisis Management, EU Police Unit, Council of the European Union, General Secretariat of the European Union, Brussels
- Dr. Alison Weston, DG E IX Civilian Crisis Management, General Secretariat, Council of the European Union, Brussels

1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Lunch: Conclusion and Evaluation of the Program
