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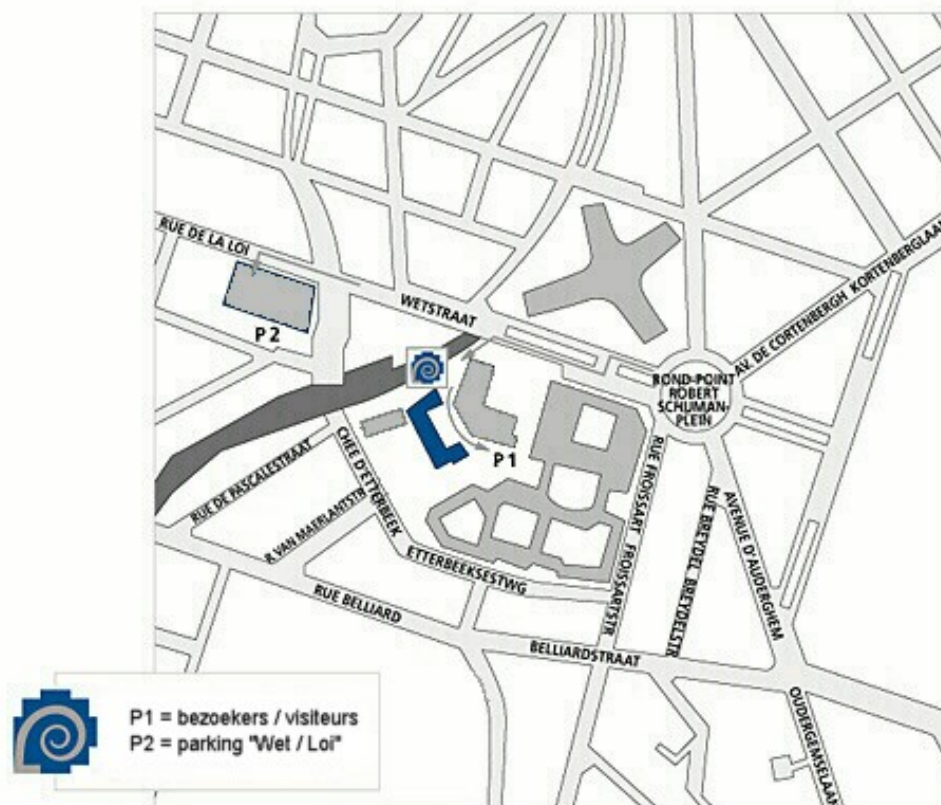
Changing Multilateralism: The EU as a Global-Regional Actor in Security and Peace

Coordinated by the United Nations University (UNU-CRIS)

- 09.00 Welcome and Registration
- 09.45 Opening and Introduction of the Project
- Jean-Michel Baer**, *Director of Science and Society, European Commission*
Luk Van Langenhove, *UNU-CRIS Director, EU-GRASP Project Coordinator,*
- 10.15 Key-note Speech on the EU and the Evolving Concepts of Security by **Emil Kirchner**, *University of Essex*

- 10.45 Roundtable on the EU and Multilateral Security Governance
- Chair: **Jan Wouters**, *Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies*
- Alain Déléroz**, *International Crisis Group*
Alistair Edgar, *Wilfrid Laurier University and Centre for International Governance Innovation*
Louise Fawcett, *Oxford University*
Alvaro de Vasconcelos, *EU Institute for Security Studies*
Karen Fogg, *Directorate External Relations, European Commission*
Sonia Lucarelli, *Florence Forum on the Problems of Peace and War*
- 11.45 Conclusions of the Roundtable by **Luk Van Langenhove**, *UNU-CRIS*
- 12.00 Closing words by **Kurt Vandenberghe**, *Head of Private Office Commissioner Janez Potočnik*
- 12.15 Reception

Location



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More about the project

EU-GRASP proposes to study the role of the EU in peace and security as a regional actor with global aspirations in a context of challenged and changing multilateralism. By studying this aspect of the evolving EU Common Foreign and Security Policy, EU-GRASP aims to answer a number of questions on EU's presence, actorness and capabilities in regional and global security.

This research project will be undertaken through a conceptual analysis but also through the undertaking of case-studies on an agreed number of security issues and through exercises of foresight, where academia and stakeholders will be able to explore scenarios of future roles of the EU in global and regional security matters. In doing so, EU-GRASP will focus on six security issues that are high on the EU-agenda: regional conflict, terrorism, weapons of mass destruction, energy security and climate change; human rights and migration. The research will be policy oriented and include a foresight dimension.

EU-GRASP will be coordinated by the United Nations University – Comparative Regional Integration Studies (Belgium). The other partners are based worldwide and include: University of Warwick (UK), University of Gothenburg (Sweden), Florence Forum on the Problems of Peace and War (Italy), University of Leuven (Belgium), Centre for International Governance Innovation (Canada), University of Peking (China), Institute for Security Studies (South Africa) and Ben-Gurion University of the Negev (Israel).

The academic output of the consortium will be evaluated and guided by an International Advisory Board consisting of the following 8 distinguished members: Louise Fawcett (Oxford University), Karen Fogg (Directorate General External Relations European Commission), Nicola Harrington (UNDP, Brussels), Mark Aspinwall (University of Edinburgh), Alain Délétraz (International Crisis Group), Alvaro de Vasconcelos (EUISS, Paris), Jordi Vaquer i Fanes (CIDOB, Barcelona) and Ole Waever (University of Copenhagen)

The project will kick-off in February 2009 with a public meeting in Brussels and launch a specific project website by mid-2009 www.eugrasp.eu. More information will than be available on-line regarding the network, its activities and the research it undertakes.