

## Workshop: EEAS 2.0

21 - 22 March 2013

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### Thursday 21 March

- 14.15 – 14.30      **Introduction: Aim and scope of the workshop**  
*Christophe Hillion and Steven Blockmans*
- 14.30 – 16.00      **Nature and scope of the EEAS Decision; tasks of the EEAS** (Articles 1, 2, 3 and 13)  
This session deals with the general legal existence of the EEAS, how its tasks are described, and how it is obliged to cooperate with the Commission, Council, Parliament, and other EU bodies. This session will establish the general framework to the discussion.  
*Chair: Marise Cremona*  
*Discussion introduced and led by Christophe Hillion and Bart Van Vooren*
- 16.00 – 16.30      Coffee and tea break
- 16.30 – 18.00      **Nature and scope of the EEAS Decision and tasks** cont. (Articles 1, 2, 3 and 13)  
*Chair: Marise Cremona*  
*Discussion introduced and led by Christophe Hillion and Bart Van Vooren*

### Friday 22 March

- 09.00 – 10.30      **Access to documents, archives and data protection** (Articles 10 and 11)  
This session will examine whether and, if so, how the new EEAS programming procedures do indeed lead to a more effective and coherent EU external policy. International diplomacy and foreign relations pose specific challenges from the perspective of information-sharing, information-security, transparency, etc. This session will evaluate the EEAS' new practices in this regard, and investigate whether the right balance is struck between transparency and democracy versus the need for secrecy.  
*Chair: Piet Eeckhout*  
*Discussion introduced and led by Geert de Baere, Deidre Curtin, Christina Eckes*
- 10.30 – 11.00      Coffee and tea break

11.00 – 12.30	<p><b>Organisation of the EEAS, Union Delegations</b> (Articles 4, 5, 6, 7 and 12)</p> <p>The EEAS is composed of former Commission, former Council and Member State staff. Many legal issues relating to their administrative and diplomatic status remain to be resolved. This session will also examine the legal status of EU “embassies” abroad, from the perspective of international law.</p> <p><i>Chair: Piet Eeckhout</i></p> <p><i>Discussion introduced and led by Simon Duke, Ramses Wessel</i></p>
12.30 – 14.00	Lunch
14.00 – 16.00	<p><b>Budget, external action instruments and programming</b> (Articles 8 and 9)</p> <p>The EEAS has been given important functions in the strategic planning of how EU funds are disbursed across external priorities of the Union, entailing a wholly new set of cooperative legal structures between the Commission and the EEAS. The practical working of these arrangements needs to be assessed: whether and if so how the new structures lead to a more effective and coherent EU external policy.</p> <p><i>Chair: Alan Dashwood</i></p> <p><i>Discussion introduced and led by Steven Blockmans</i></p>
16.00 – 16.30	Coffee and tea break
16.30 – 17.30	<p><b>Concluding discussion and recommendations</b></p> <p><i>Discussion led by Steven Blockmans and Christophe Hillion</i></p>

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#### **About EEAS 2.0:**

Against the background of the 2013 review process prescribed by Article 13(3) of Council Decision 2010/427/EU on the organisation and functioning of the European External Action Service, the 'EEAS 2.0' project aims at (i) producing a legal commentary on the above Decision (published in February 2013), (ii) reviewing the organisation and functioning of the EEAS (March-May 2013), and (iii) formulating recommendations on both the interpretative room to accommodate changes to organisation and functioning EEAS “à droit constant” and how to amend the 2010 Council Decision if this interpretative room is lacking (June 2013). As such, the ulterior aim of the research project is to inform policy-makers and analysts engaged in the 2013 EEAS review process.

The research project is led by the Swedish Institute for European Policy Studies (SIEPS), the European University Institute (EUI) and the Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS), and carried out in cooperation with the Amsterdam Centre for European Law and Governance (ACELG), the Centre for the Law of EU External Relations (CLEER), the European Institute of Public Administration (EIPA), the Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies and the University of Copenhagen.

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