



# Security Policy and Foreign Affairs

Expert Forum – Liberal White Book Europe 2030

Zoom Meeting (Online & Warsaw)

09 October 2020, 09h30 – 14h00 (CEST)

## ABOUT THE EVENT

The project of a European Union has cut the turbulent past of the old continent sharply, undeniably permitting the European countries to cooperate in peace for more than half a century since the Second World War. At the same time, relations between the Union as a whole, and other actors outside have improved over the last thirty years, so much so that the continent's economy has become a landmark for the world markets.

Nevertheless, new threats have emerged in recent times and new challenges are expected for decades to come. From terrorism, cybercrime, the challenges posed from migration and even the renewed tensions on the international chessboard. Europe, in the first two decades of the new century, finds itself having to reckon with what has been done so far in fields as defence, security and external relations.

While integration within the Union is a fact, incontestably a success in a historical perspective, some of the countries among Europe are still reluctant to give up ground in certain strategic areas feeling the process of integration as a threat to the core of the concept of the sovereign state.

What are the key challenges facing the European Union? Is there a way to get everyone in agreement on such sensitive issues as Security Policy? Can liberalism be the key?

How can liberalism be a solution to improve the external relations of the countries of the Union making Europe's role more central in an ever-changing international context?

## EVENT SCHEDULE

**09h25 Participants connect to the online Expert Forum**

**09h30 Welcome & Presentation of the Liberal White Book Europe 2030 project**  
Daniel Kaddik, Executive Director, European Liberal Forum

**09h35 Introduction to this Expert Forum**  
Miłosz Hodun, PhD, Second Vice President, Board of Directors, European Liberal Forum

**09h40 Welcome Words from the Patron**  
Katalin Cseh, Member of the European Parliament, Renew Europe Group

**09h45 Welcome Words from Poland**  
Adam Szłapka MP, Nowoczesna Leader, President of the Parliamentary Group of the Future of the EU  
**Moderator:** Maia Mazurkiewicz, Head of Intelligence, Alliance4Europe

**09h50 Keynote Speech – Liberal World Order: Is it dead or alive**  
Ryszard Schnepf, PhD, Professor, Warsaw University and former Polish Ambassador to the USA

**10h30 Break**

**10h35 The “Geopolitical Commission”**

Short input statements:

- Agnieszka K. Cianciara, Professor, Institute of Political Studies, Polish Academy of Sciences
- Bernard Guetta, Member of the European Parliament, Renew Europe Group
- Péter Balázs, Director, Center for European Neighborhood Studies

*followed by a discussion among all participants.*

**Discussion topics:** EU influence on global Human Rights; digital and green agendas; development and research funds; HR/VP's role in the future; streamlining the EU's foreign affairs efforts.

**11h35 Break**

**Moderator:** Yana Humen, Member of the Liberal Defence Group, Nowoczesna

**11h40 Future Foreign Relations: Europe between “Soft” and “Smart” Power**

Short input statements:

- Małgorzata Bonikowska, PhD, President, Centre for International Relations (Warsaw)

- Petras Auštrevičius, Member of the European Parliament, Renew Europe Group
  - Bart Groothuis, Member of the European Parliament, Renew Europe Group
- followed by a discussion among all participants.*

**Discussion topics:** the problem of unilateral approaches by EU members; how EU should deal with China and Russia in next 10 years; renewing/strengthening transatlantic and NATO relations; best strategy to adapt to complex international order.

#### 12h40 Break

**Moderator:** Yana Humen, Member of the Liberal Defence Group, Nowoczesna

#### 12h45 Emerging Security Challenges. Can the EU meet them?

Short input statements:

- Artis Pabriks, Latvian Deputy Prime Minister & Minister of Defence
- Salima Belhaj, D66 Member of Parliament, The Netherlands
- Bartłomiej E. Nowak, PhD, President, Vistula Group of Universities
- Sebastian Vagt, Project Director of Morocco and Algeria Office, Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom

*followed by a discussion among all participants.*

**Discussion topics:** use of sanctions to counter threats; hybrid war and predictive AI; PESCO and a European army: who's going to pay?; foreign interference and information warfare (China, Russia); local crisis affecting EU liberal order: Turkey, Syria, Crimea, Hong-Kong.

#### 13h45 Final talk & Conclusions

Tomasz Kamiński, PhD, Associate Professor, University of Lodz

Author of the Security Policy and Foreign Affairs chapter, Liberal White Book Europe 2030

#### 14h00 End of Expert Forum

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