Comprehensive security best practices: Striving towards effective preparedness in Europe

18 June 2025

At the Swedish Embassy to Germany
Rauchstraße 1, BERLIN

14.00 - 14.15 Arrival & Coffee

14.15 - 14.30 Welcoming Remarks

- Veronika Wand-Danielsson, Ambassador of Sweden to Germany
- Pasi Pöysäri, Deputy Head of Finnish Embassy to Germany
- Almut Möller, Director for European and Global Affairs, European Policy Centre (EPC)
- Malte Zabel, Co-Director for Europe's Future Programme, Bertelsmann Stiftung

14.30 - 14.35 Brief overview of EU Preparedness Union Strategy

- Barbara Gessler, Head of European Commission Representation to Germany

14.35 - 15.35 Best practices for European preparedness & resilience, followed by Q/A with audience

- Olekksii Makeiev, Ambassador of Ukraine to Germany
- Janne Känkänen, CEO, National Emergency Supply Agency of Finland (NESA)
- Teresa Åhman, Senior Advisor and Staff Manager, Department for International Relations, Research and Innovation, Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency (MSB)
- Anna Wetter Ryde, Senior Researcher, Swedish Defense Research Agency (FOI)
- Jurgis Dagys, Chair of the Board, Lithuanian Riflemen's Union branch in Germany
- Moderator*:* Maria Martisiute, Policy Analyst, Europe in the World Programme, EPC

15.35 - 15.50 Break

15.50 - 16.50 German approach to preparedness & resilience, followed by Q/A with audience

- Stephan Schmidt, Policy Officer for NATO Affairs in the Department for National Crisis Management at the Federal Ministry of the Interior
- Colonel Boris Helmut Junk, Head of Unit for Policy and Conceptual Affairs in Military Total Defence and National Territorial Defence at the Federal Ministry of Defence
- Martin Schelleis, Federal Commissioner for Crisis Resilience, Security Policy and Civil-Military Cooperation at Malteser
- Agnieszka Brugger, Deputy Chairwoman of the Bündnis 90/Die Grünen parliamentary group in the Bundestag
- Moderator*:* Helena Quis, Project Manager, Europe's Future Programme, Bertelsmann Stiftung

16.50 - 17.00 Closing Remarks

- Almut Möller, Director for European and Global Affairs, European Policy Centre (EPC)
- Malte Zabel, Co-Director for Europe's Future Programme, Bertelsmann Stiftung

17.00 - 17.45 Networking drinks