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“The Conference on the Future of Europe and the European Defence Integration”

Date: Friday, 28 January 2022

Time: 11h30 – 13h00 CET

Venue: Online – Zoom Platform

The workings of the Conference on the Future of Europe is coming to an end. During the Conference plenary on 21-22 January the recommendations made by the 4th Citizens’ Panel “EU in the world” will be discussed. Besides, European citizens are advocating through the Conference’s multilingual platform for stronger military capabilities and cooperation between the Member States in order to be able to anticipate today’s multifaced and interlinked threats, as climate change, cyber and hybrid attacks.

Through this online panel discussion the speakers will aim to answer the following questions; what will be the outcome of the Conference concerning European defence integration? How will the citizens’ recommendations be implemented? What will be the role of the European Parliament? Will the EU’s security and defence instruments and tools, as the Permanent Structured Cooperation (PESCO) or the European Defence Fund (EDF) be able to promote defence integration to meet the citizens’ demands? What will be the added value of the Strategic Compass?

Speakers:

- **Hilde Vautmans:** Member of the European Parliament (MEP) and member of the Committee of Foreign Affairs (AFET)
- **Elena Lazarou:** Acting Head of External Policies Unit, European Parliamentary Research Service (EPRS) at European Parliament
- **Petros Fassoulas:** Secretary General of the European Movement International and representative at the Conference on the Future of Europe
- **Stijn Mols:** Head of Division Security and Defence Policy, European External Action Service (EEAS)

The panel discussion will be moderated by **Emmanuel Jacob**, President of EUROMIL.