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External Action and Representation of the European Union: Implementing the Lisbon Treaty

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PROGRAMME

08.30-09.00 Registration, coffee and tea

09.00-09.15 Welcome and opening

- Dr Steven Blockmans (CLEER, GGS, TMC Asser Institute)

09.15-09.45 Keynote Address: état de lieu on the creation of the EEAS

- Christian Leffler (Deputy Director General, DG Development, European Commission)
- The Council Decision
- Institutional questions
- Substantive questions: remit of EEAS in external policies (TRADE, DEV, AID, CFSP, etc.)

09.45-10.00 Questions and answers

10.00-12.00 Panel 1: The EEAS in its institutional context

- EU institutions' perspectives on EEAS and interaction with EEAS
- Views on introduction EEAS on institutional balance
- Competences, control (incl. budgetary issues) and political accountability

Chair: Prof Dr Christophe Hillion (SIEPS, CLEER, universities of Leiden and Stockholm)

Speakers:

- Dr Brian Crowe (Chatham House, Royal Institute for International Affairs)
- Prof Dr Ricardo Gosalbo Bono (Council of the European Union, Legal Service)
- Dr Barbara Eggers (European Commission, Legal Service)
- Dr Ricardo Passos (European Parliament, Legal Service)
- Prof Dr Simon Duke (European Institute of Public Administration, Maastricht)

12.00-13.00 Lunch

13.00-14.45 Panel 2: Representation of the EU ‘on the ground’

- Mutation EC into EU + transition phase
- External representation of the EU post-Lisbon in practice
- Perception of other International Organizations (nameplate and other issues)
- Perceptions of third countries

Chair: Prof Dr Jan Wouters (GGS, University of Leuven)

Speakers:

- Prof Dr Frank Hoffmeister (European Commission, Cabinet Commissioner De Gucht)
- Mr Rudi Delarue (International Labour Office)
- Mr Michael Humphreys (former Head of EC Delegation, Sarajevo)

Discussant:

- Prof Dr Sophie Vanhoonacker (Maastricht University)

14.45-15.15 Coffee and Tea

15.15-17.00 Panel 3: Implications of Lisbon Treaty on external action and representation of Member States

- Impact on foreign policies, services and ministries

Chair: Prof Dr Ramses Wessel (CLEER, University of Twente)

Speakers:

- H.E. Ambassador Dirk Wouters (Chief of Cabinet, Belgian Minister of Foreign Affairs)
- H.E. Ambassador Gábor Iván (Permanent Representation of Hungary to the EU)
- Dr Maxime Lefebvre (Ministry of Foreign Affairs of France)
- Prof Dr Stephan Keukeleire (University of Leuven and College of Europe)

17.00-17.30 Closing speech

- Luuk Van Middelaar (Member of Cabinet of the President of the European Council)

17.30 Reception offered by T.M.C. Asser Institute



T.M.C. Asser Instituut inter-university research centre

Founded in 2008, the Centre for the Law of EU External Relations (CLEER) is the first authoritative research interface between academia and practice in the field of the Union's external relations. CLEER serves as a leading forum for debate on the role of the EU in the world, but its most distinguishing feature lies in its in-house research capacity, complemented by an extensive network of partner institutes throughout Europe.

Goals

- To carry out state-of-the-art research leading to offer solutions to the challenges facing the EU in the world today.
- To achieve high standards of academic excellence and maintain unqualified independence.
- To provide a forum for discussion among all stakeholders in the EU external policy process.
- To build a collaborative network of researchers and practitioners across the whole of Europe.
- To disseminate our findings and views through a regular flow of publications and public events.

Assets

- Complete independence to set its own research priorities and freedom from any outside influence.
- A growing pan-European network, comprising research institutes and individual experts and practitioners who extend CLEER's outreach, provide knowledge and practical experience and act as a sounding board for the utility and feasibility of CLEER's findings and proposals.

Research programme

CLEER's research programme centres on the EU's contribution in enhancing global stability and prosperity and is carried out along the following transversal topics:

- the reception of international norms in the EU legal order;
- the projection of EU norms and impact on the development of international law;
- coherence in EU foreign and security policies;
- consistency and effectiveness of EU external policies.

CLEER's research focuses primarily on four cross-cutting issues:

- the fight against illegal immigration and crime;
- the protection and promotion of economic and financial interests;
- the protection of the environment, climate and energy;
- the ability to provide military security.

Network

CLEER carries out its research via the T.M.C. Asser Institute's own in-house research programme and through a collaborative research network involving the active participation of:

- all law faculties in the Netherlands
- Swedish Institute for European Policy Studies
- Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies
- Ghent University

Activities

CLEER organises a variety of activities and special events, involving its members, partners and other stakeholders in the debate at national, EU- and international level.

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