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**Report from the Workshop
“EU external representation and the reform of international
contexts:
practices after Lisbon”**

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As part of the LISBOAN Network the Clingendael Institute organised an expert workshop to gain better insight into what the EU is and does in international organisations and regimes. With the Lisbon Treaty the EU aimed to increase the EU's international profile by strengthening the coherence and visibility of the EU's external representation. Yet its entry into force did not end the debate on the EU's representation in various international organisations; quite the contrary. The EU Member States agreed to increase the EU's profile in international settings, but have difficulties with entrusting their international representation to the EU. Very often they are not willing to give up their seats, votes or speaking rights in external contexts, complicating potential reform within those contexts. The meeting provided a forum for free and open discussion based on papers presented by researchers from universities and think tanks, which were discussed with the insights from diplomats and officials who contributed to the debate with their practical experience in EU external representation in various international settings.

The workshop started with a participants dinner at the Bilderberg Europa Hotel in The Hague. All were welcomed by Mr. Jan Melissen (Research Director of the Clingendael Institute) and Mr. Aldrik Gierveld (Deputy Director for UN & Financial Institutions of the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs). Excellent keynote speeches were delivered by Ms. Kristin De Peyron (Head of the Multilateral Relations Division of the European External Action Service) and Mr. Hans van Baalen (Member of the European Parliament, Head of the VVD-Delegation and Member of the Board of ALDE-fraction). On Wednesday the event continued at Clingendael with six sessions of paper presentations and discussions in a parallel setup. In the first session the challenges in the EU's External Representation in general and the diplomatic services of middle-sized Member States were discussed in one room, and the legal issues concerning representation in the other. After lunch the third and fourth session discussed respectively the WHO, environmental negotiations, ILO and HRC, and parallel the external representation in G8 and G20. The final two sessions shed light to the EU representations in FAO, ILC, ECHR and OPCW, and NATO, OECD and ICC.



Workshop Programme

Date: 21-22 February 2012

Venue: Huys Clingendael, Clingendael 7, The Hague

Tuesday 21 February, 2012

19.00 Dinner at the Bilderberg Europa Hotel

Welcome by:

Jan Melissen, Research Director, Clingendael Institute & *Aldrik Gierveld*, Deputy Director, United Nations and International Financial Institutions, Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Keynote address by:

Kristin de Peyron, Head of the Multilateral Relations Division, European External Action Service & *Hans van Baalen*, Member of the European Parliament, Head of VVD-Delegation and Member of the Board of ALDE-fraction

Wednesday, 22 February 2012

Introduction

9.30 Introduction
Edith Drieskens, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven

Parallel workshops

ca. 09.40 **Session 1 – General Papers on EU external representation (Room I)**

Moderator: *Ida van Veldhuizen*

Piotr Maciej Kaczyński, Centre for European Policy Studies: ‘Swimming in Murky Waters. Challenges in Developing the EU's External Representation’

Michele Comelli & Raffaello Matarazzo, Istituto Affari Internazionali: ‘The EU Delegations to international organizations: WTO, UNGA and FAO’

David Spence & David Allen, David Davies Research Fellow at the London School of Economics & University of Loughborough: ‘From Maastricht to Lisbon: An Uncomfortable Transition for the Delegation of the EU in Geneva’

Tomáš Weiss, Ivo Šlosarčík, Jan Karlas & Vít Dostál, Charles University, Masaryk University: ‘Adapting to Lisbon? Changes in diplomatic services of middle-sized Member States’

General Reflections: *Robert Farla*, Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs

ca. 09.40 **Session 2 – Papers discussing legal issues concerning representation (Room IV)**

Moderator: *Jan Wouters*

Peter van Elsuwege & Hans Merket, Ghent University: ‘On the Principles of Loyalty and Consistency: The Role of the Court of Justice in Ensuring the Unity of the EU’s International Representation’

Eric Hayes: ‘Horses for Courses: EU External Representation Post-Lisbon’

Ramses Wessel & Bart van Vooren, University of Twente, University of Copenhagen: ‘The EEAS’ Diplomatic Dreams and the Reality of International Law’

General Reflections:

Françoise Schild, Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Christina Eckes, University of Amsterdam

Parallel workshops

ca. 13.15 **Session 3 – Case studies – WHO, Environmental negotiations, ILO, HRC (Room I)**

Moderator: *Eric Hayes*

Tom Delreux, UC Louvain: ‘The rotating Presidency and the EU’s external representation in environmental affairs: the case of climate change and biodiversity negotiations’

Bregt Saenen, Ghent University: ‘Exploring the Continuing Challenges for a Global Social Europe. The Treaty of Lisbon’s impact on the European Union’s Relations with the International Labour Organization’

Gjovalin Macaj, Vrije Universiteit Brussel and University of Oxford, ‘Squaring the circle? EU outreach and bloc politics in the Human rights Council’

Samantha Battams, Remco van de Pas & Louise van Schaik, Graduate Institute, Wemos, Clingendael Institute: ‘The EU’s role in global health and the WHO reform; between health and foreign policy’

General Reflections:

Robert Kissack, Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals (IBEI)

ca. 13.15 **Session 4 – Case studies – G-8/G20
(Room IV)**

Moderator: Jan Orbie

Judith Huigens & Arne Niemann, University of Mainz, University of Amsterdam: ‘Multiple EU actors in the G8: the challenges and opportunities of limited cohesion’

Jan Wouters, Sven van Kerckhoven & Jed Odermatt, KU Leuven: ‘The EU and the G20: Problematic or Symbiotic Relationship?’

Peter Debaere & Dries Lesage, Ghent University: ‘The EU and the Seoul Consensus on Development: Explaining the EU’s Coordination Efforts for the G20’

General Reflections:

Joachim Koops, The Institute for European Studies (IES), VU Brussels

Parallel workshops

ca. 15.00 **Session 5 – Case studies – United Nations: FAO, ILC, ECHR, OPCW
(Room I)**

Moderator: *David Spence*

Robert Kissack, Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals: ‘Do-or-die reform: the FAO and the EU’

Scarlett McArdle & Paul James Cardwell, University of Sheffield: ‘The European Union, its Member States and the International Law Commission: coherency or competition?’

Christina Eckes, University of Amsterdam: ‘EU Accession to the ECHR: Reform and Adaptation’

Vincent Delaere & Louise van Schaik, Clingendael Institute: ‘EU representation in OPCW after Lisbon. Still waiting for Brussels’

General Reflections:

Hans Mojet, Ministry of Economic Affairs, Agriculture and Innovation

ca. 15.00 **Session 6 – Case studies – NATO, OECD, ICC
(Room IV)**

Moderator: David Allen

Margriet Drent, Groningen University: ‘The Practice of Informal Diplomacy: EU-NATO after Lisbon’

Joren Verschaeve, Ghent University: ‘The European Union in the OECD-DAC: an exceptional strong relationship before and after the Lisbon Treaty.’

Laura Davis, Ghent University: ‘United in word and deeds? The EU and the International Criminal Court’

Joachim Koops, Free University of Brussels: ‘Two Lisbons for the Price of One? Assessing EU-NATO Relations in the wake of the two reform processes’

General Reflections:

Tom Delreux, Institut de sciences politiques Louvain-Europe , UCLouvain

16.45 Summary and ideas on follow-up by the Conference Convenors (publication, etc)

17.00 Drinks

The workshop papers in alphabetical order of the first author.

- Battams, S., Van de Pas, R. and L. van Schaik (2012), The EU's role in global health and the WHO reform; between health and foreign policy
- Casolari, F. (2012) The principle of loyal cooperation: A 'master key' for EU external representation?
- Comelli, M., Matarazzo, R. (2011) Rehashed Commission Delegations or Real Embassies? EU Delegations Post-Lisbon
- Davis, L. (2012) United in words and deeds? The EU and the International Criminal Court
- Debaere, P. and D. Lesage, (2012) Preferences, Alternatives and Consequences. Explaining the EU's Coordination Efforts for the G20
- Delaere, V. & L. Van Schaik (2012) EU representation in OPCW after Lisbon. Still waiting for Brussels
- Delreux, T. (2012) The rotating Presidency and the EU's external representation in environmental affairs: the case of climate change and biodiversity negotiations
- Drent, M. (2012) The Practice of Informal Diplomacy: EU-NATO after Lisbon
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- Kaczynski, P.M. (2011) Swimming in Murky Waters. Challenges in Developing the EU's External Representation
- Kissack, R. (2012) Mitrany, modernity and maize: FAO reform as bureaucratisation
- Macaj, G. (2012) Squaring the circle? EU outreach and bloc politics in the Human rights Council
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