Think-tank process for a European Global Strategy

Fact Sheet

Italy, Poland, Spain, and Sweden, are convinced that the EU needs a broad strategic approach for its external relations. Time is ripe for a European Global Strategy (EGS) that covers all aspects of the EU’s external action. Such a strategy could be instrumental in reinforcing a common European strategic culture, as well as a shared vision and strategic direction. Therefore, they have jointly invited think-thanks in their countries to cooperate in a project aimed at developing ideas for a broad strategic approach for the future of European external relations.

The four think-thanks will produce a report containing considerations and possible elements for a European Global Strategy.

By organising a series of seminars, workshops and other events, the think-thanks will aim to stimulate and promote a debate on the future of European external relations. The process will be open and inclusive. Input from other think-thanks, civil society and individuals, as well as representatives of governments and EU institutions, will be welcomed.

The EU has a Security Strategy, elaborated in 2003 and updated in 2008. The aim is now to develop ideas that go beyond the risks to also look at opportunities, and to take into account the changes that are taking place in Europe as well as in the rest of the world.

The intention is that the result of the think-tank process will provide inspiration for, and important input to, the formulation of a future European Global Strategy, developed by the EU institutions and all the member states, and with the High Representative and the European External Action Service, playing a central role.

The four participating think-thanks are all leading independent institutes, conducting policy-focused research on international affairs. In their respective countries, they serve as central fora for information and analysis, thus contributing to wider debates on international relations in Europe and beyond. They are:

Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI) [www.iai.it](http://www.iai.it)
Polski InstytutAffari Internationalnych (PISM) [www.pism.pl](http://www.pism.pl)
Elcano Royal Institute for International and Strategic Studies [www.realinstitutoelcano.org](http://www.realinstitutoelcano.org)
Swedish Institute of International Affairs (Ui) [www.ui.se](http://www.ui.se)

The think-thanks will communicate their EGS-related events and ideas through the website [www.euglobalstrategy.eu](http://www.euglobalstrategy.eu)

Questions regarding the project can be addressed to the participating think-thanks, or to the Foreign Ministries of Italy, Poland, Spain and Sweden