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ASEAN and EU, as the two major regional integration initiatives in the world, have much in common. They share values and principles and have developed strong cooperation in a variety of areas. Increasingly, this cooperation is encompassing the area of Security and Defence.

Amid growing concerns over border management within and beyond both regional entities, the European Security and Defence College (ESDC) with the support of the EU External Action Service (EEAS) and the Centre for High Defence Studies (CASD) organised a five days training seminar entitled “Third Common Security and Defence Policy Orientation Seminar with a Focus on EU-ASEAN relations”. The seminar took place in Rome bringing together 40 high-level delegates from EU Member States, ASEAN Ministries of Defence and Ministries of Foreign Affairs, as well as high level speakers.

Building on the success of the two EU-ASEAN Orientation Seminars held in March 2014 and November 2015, this edition focused on the challenge represented by illegal immigration by sea, maritime security and law enforcement activities. The event, attended also by EU Member States diplomats or defence officials was a good opportunity to exchange views on security and defence related issues, address concerns and common challenges in an open and mutually enriching atmosphere. The Seminar took stock of the progress achieved in advancing the global migration debate and created a good vehicle for deepening further the already existing cooperation and explored possibilities for practical cooperation in Security and Defence in the future.

The CSDP Orientation Seminar contributed to a better understanding of the role of the EU as a security provider in the world and of the CSDP, as well as of national experiences, structures in the field of Security and Defence and the main challenges faced by ASEAN countries. Participants visited the operational headquarters of the EU military operation Sophia where they attended a thorough debrief on how the operation is fulfilling its core mandate which is that of disrupting the business network of smugglers and traffickers at sea.

The CSDP Orientation Seminar proved to be a very insightful event and will be repeated in future, taking into account developments and evolutions in the world's political and security landscape.

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