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EU-INDIA EXPERTS' DAY

April 2, 2019 Brussels

In the context of the EU-India Experts' Day, please join the Think Tanks Twinning Initiative sponsored by the EU Delegation to India and the Europe-India Research and Dialogue Network (EIRDN) for a full day of discussions on EU-India relations.

With the support of the EU Delegation to India, the EU-India Think Tanks Twinning Initiative aims at bringing together Think Tanks experts from the EU and India to develop ideas on how the two can further their strategic partnership through cooperation in the fields of foreign and security policy and global governance. The Initiative aims to foster interaction between leading Indian and European think tanks through a series of joint projects involving research publications and events. The aim of the Initiative is to bring the vibrant Indian and European think tanks communities together and enable them to improve understanding and awareness of the EU in India and vice versa. The goal is also to support a more continued and visible presence of European think tanks in India.

Led by [Friends of Europe](#), [Centre for European Policy Studies](#), [Swedish Institute of International Affairs](#) and [Observer Research Foundation](#), EIRDN is a focal point for research on Europe India relations and track 2 and 1.5 initiatives of public diplomacy. By pooling experts from more than 20 leading institutes representing 13 European countries and several Indian States, EIRDN acts as a go-to resource offering expertise on India and on the EU in their policy debates and bringing experts and researchers closer in their work.

@ Friends of Europe, Square de Meeus 5-6

09:00 – 10:00 **High level conversation on moving forward EU-India relations**

- Gunnar Wiegand, Managing Director for Asia and Pacific of the EEAS
- Ambassador of India to the Kingdom of Belgium and to the EU, H.E. Gaitri I. Kumar

Moderated by Shada Islam, (Friends of Europe)

10:00 – 12:00 **EIRDN meeting**

- Update on ongoing projects
- Structure, functioning and financing
- 2019 - 2020 programme

@ Residence Palace – Brasserie, Rue de la Loi 155, 1000 Bruxelles

12:15 – 14:00 **Lunch – by invitation only**

Co-hosted by

- Hilde Hardeman, Head of the European Commission's Service for Foreign Policy Instruments (FPI)
- Caroline Vinot, Head of Division, Regional Affairs and South Asia, EEAS



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14:15 – 18:15

TTTI workshop @ EUISS, Justus Lipsius

14:15 – 14:55

Session 1: EU – India Cooperation in Africa: Challenges and Prospects

- Dr Kamil Zajączkowski (Centre for European Studies, University of Warsaw)
- Prof. Arvind Kumar (Manipal Academy of Higher Education)

Discussant: Patryk Kugiel (Polish Institute of International Affairs)

14:55 – 15:30

Session 2: Connectivity Approaches in the Indian Ocean: Prospects for EU-India Maritime (Security) Cooperation

- Susanne Kamerling (Clingendael Institute)
- Discussant: Dr. Garima Mohan (Global Public Policy Institute)

15:30 – 16:10

Session 3: EU-India disaster management

- Gareth Price (Chatham House)
- Mihir Sharma (Observer Research Foundation)
- John Joseph Wilkins (EUISS)

Discussant: Dr. Nicola Casarini (Istituto Affari Internazionali)

16:10– 16: 25

coffee break

16:25 – 17:05

Session 4: Prospects of EU-India Cooperation in Central Asia

- Prof Dr Gulshan Sachdeva (Jawaharlal Nehru University)
- Dr Karine Lisbonne de Vergeron (Global Policy Institute)

Discussant: Dr. Henrik Chetan Aspengren (Swedish Institute of International Affairs)

17:05 – 17:15

Coordination of third round of papers of Think Tanks Twinning Initiative

17:15 – 18:10

Take away from today and next steps

- Dr. Garima Mohan (Global Public Policy Institute)
- Dr. Nicola Casarini (Istituto Affari Internazionali)
- Patryk Kugiel (Polish Institute of International Affairs)
- Dr. Henrik Chetan Aspengren (Swedish Institute of International Affairs)

Moderated by Stefania Benaglia (AETS)

18:10 – 18:15

Concluding remarks

- Caroline Vinot, Head of Division, Regional Affairs and South Asia, EEAS

