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Dear Sir or Madam,

Member of the European Parliament Maria Eleni-Koppa and Dušan Reljić, Head of the Brussels Office of the German Institute for International and Security Affairs - Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik (SWP), have the pleasure to invite you to an expert discussion on

The European Defence Council 2013 – an attempt that bore scant fruit?

January 29, 17:00-18:30, European Parliament (5 G 305)

The EU heads of state and government met on 19th December 2013 for the long awaited European Council on Defence and the EU's role in European and global security. Did the summit fulfil the expectations? Is there a strategic vision for the Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP)? Will the outcomes improve its performance? What are the consequences for the armaments market and defence budgets?

Dr. Christian Mölling and Dr. Nicolai von Ondarza, members of SWP's International Security and EU-Integration Research Divisions, will answer these and other questions in a discussion with Maria Eleni-Koppa, MEP and Rapporteur for the implementation of the CSDP.

Dr. Thanos Dokos, Director-General of the Hellenic Foundation for European & Foreign Policy (ELIAMEP), Dr. Constantinos Filis, Director of the Russia, Eurasia & Southeast Europe Centre at Panteion University Institute of International Relations (IIR), and Prof. Charalambos Papasotiriou, Associate Professor of International Relations at the IIR, will contribute to the debate giving their views through the prism of the Hellenic Presidency .

We hope you will be able to join us and kindly ask you to register with us by e-mail to evangelos.tountas@europarl.europa.eu.

Yours sincerely,

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