Roundtable Discussion on the Review of the European External Action Service

26 February 2013
9h00-12h00
European Parliament
Room ASP 5E1

8h30  Registration

9h00  Welcoming remarks by Elmar Brok, MEP and Chair of the Foreign Affairs Committee

9h10  Panel I: Management and decision-making structures for a comprehensive approach to conflict situations

- Civilian conflict prevention and conflict resolution capacities
- Civil-military cooperation
- Linkage between CSDP and non-CSDP structures
- Linkage between security, development and neighbourhood policies and division of labour between the EEAS and the Commission
- Role of EU Delegations and EU Special Representatives in conflict prevention and crisis management
- Programming of external financial instruments

Moderator: Franziska Brantner, MEP and Co-spokesperson for Foreign Affairs of the Greens/EFA group

Speakers: Maciej Popowski, Deputy Secretary General, EEAS
Tung-Lai Margue, Director, Service for Foreign Policy Instruments, European Commission
Denisa-Elena Ionete, Head of Unit, Fragility and Crisis Management, Directorate-General for Development and Cooperation, European Commission
Josephine Liebl, Senior Policy Officer, European Peacebuilding Liaison Office

10h30  Coffee break
10h45  **Panel II: Structures for effective, efficient and responsive diplomacy**

- Future of the Corporate Board and Deputy Secretary-Generals
- Political deputies for the High Representative/Vice-president
- Number and responsibilities of Managing Directors and Directors
- Staff profiles, staff structure and large share of high-grade positions
- Gender imbalance and ways to address it
- Financial circuits at headquarters and in delegations
- Training and the need for a European Diplomatic Academy
- Mainstreaming of human rights and gender equality policy and the role of EU Delegations and the EU Special Representative for Human Rights
- Consular services and consular representation of Member States

**Moderator:**  **Ulrike Lunacek**, MEP and Co-spokesperson for Foreign Affairs of the Greens/EFA group

**Speakers:**  **David O'Sullivan**, Chief Operating Officer, EEAS  
**Rosa Balfour**, Head of the Europe in the World Programme, European Policy Centre

11h55  **Concluding remarks** by **Franziska Brantner**, MEP