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cordially invites you to a

Public Discussion

on

**Sovereign Diplomacy and the Future of
E.U. Member State Representation Abroad**

As the balance of global power shifts, and countries like China and India are claiming their place on the international stage, the question arises how the interests of European Union member states might best be represented abroad. Currently, the E.U. member states are represented both by the European External Action Service (EEAS) and their own diplomatic services. But can the relatively small individual states continue to foster fruitful relations with the new powers that be? Is there a foreseeable future wherein the E.U. states' own diplomatic services will be largely replaced by a strong E.U. representation abroad? To make matters more complex, the answer to this question is inevitably linked to a debate on the way the European Union should be developing in the future: is Europe on its way to become a European federation of states, or will individual member largely retain their national sovereignty?

To gain an insight into these pressing questions, two distinguished speakers will share their vision on E.U. representation abroad. Ms. Friederike Tschampa, First Counselor of the European Union's delegation in India and Nepal, will speak about the importance and future responsibilities of the EEAS. Mr. Alphonsus Stoelinga, Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to India, will do the same regarding the future role of the diplomatic services of E.U. member states. After both speakers have presented their vision, there will be time for questions from the audience.

Speakers



Friederike Tschampa is the Head of Political Affairs at EU Delegation to India and Bhutan. Her career with the European Union spans for many years, having previously held senior positions Brussels and in the EU delegation to the United Nations in New York.



His Excellency Alphonsus Stoelinga is the Ambassador of the Netherlands to India, Nepal and Bhutan. Before coming to Delhi, he has been the Dutch ambassador to Italy, Mali, and Indonesia, and has occupied several senior positions at the Dutch Ministry of Foreign affairs.

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