



## Guiding Questions

### **Session I: Strategic Choices and Options for EU Crisis Management: Regional Pacifier or Global Power?**

- **Options and Resources for EU Crisis-Management at regional and global level**
  - Do you see an improvement for the EU's capacities in crisis-management through the provisions of the Constitutional Treaty?
  - What role does the European Security Strategy play in your view?
  - is the European Headline Goal 2010 a realistic and feasible way of improving EU capabilities for crisis-management?
- **Strategic Choices and Options for EU Crisis Management: Regional Pacifier or Global Power?**
  - Should the European Union concentrate its crisis-management activities geographic circle defined by the European Neighbourhood Policy?
  - Should the EU focus on civilian and low-key military (peacekeeping) missions?
  - Does the EU need in your view a strategic concept for crisis-management, spelling out its priorities and instruments?

### **Session II: European and US Perspectives of Crisis Management: Expectations and Concepts**

- How does the US administration view the role of the European Union in crisis management: Is it regarded rather as a "junior partner", or even as a "competitor" or simply as a "nobody"?
- In which direction will transatlantic relations develop after the Iraq crisis and the US elections? What is to be expected from the old/new Bush administration, and how will these trends influence the transatlantic discourse over crisis-management?
- How do the European governments see their own role in crisis management, located between EU and NATO, and what preference do they show with regard to the European Rapid Reaction Forces and to the NATO Response Force?

### **Session III: Lessons from EU Crisis-Management: Strengths and Weaknesses**

- What key lessons have been learned in military and in political terms from the missions concluded so far? EU Military Missions: Concordia (Macedonia) and Artémis (Congo), what improvement would be regarded as necessary?
- Has the interplay between EU and NATO proved to be successful, which kind of frictions or tensions have been observed?
- What record do the civilian missions reveal: EUPM (Bosnia), Proxima (Macedonia) and EUJUST Themis (Georgia)? Is there a civilian-military interplay, or rather a strict distinction between the single dimensions?
- Is mission Althea in Bosnia a sign of the grown regional responsibility of the EU, or does it simply correspond to a policy of taking what NATO leaves?