

REFOUNDING THE EUROPEAN UNION: NEXT STEPS AHEAD

On Friday, 15 June, 2018 at 11:30–12:45
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Arkadiankatu 3, Helsinki

The French President Emmanuel Macron has proposed several major reforms to consolidate the EU and better prepare it for the future. Yet the window of opportunity to agree EU reforms concerning the EMU, migration and security might not be open for very long. The next European Parliament elections are only one year away, and the focus of the EU and its member states have shifted to next multi-annual financial framework and foreign affairs, including trade. Is the EMU stormproof? What are the possibilities to lower the political dividing lines over migration? What should be the next steps in the field of EU's defense efforts? On the other hand, what would be the cost of the status quo?

This seminar is part of the series of events aiming to advance discussion on the future of the EU with citizens and key stake holders (*#munEU*).

Key note presentation:

Nathalie Loiseau, Minister for European Affairs of France

“What kind of Europe for tomorrow? What does France propose and how to move forward together?”

Comments:

Kare Halonen, Chair of the Board, Finnish Institute of International Affairs; and State Secretary for EU Affairs, Prime Minister's Office

Chair:

Teija Tiilikainen, Director, Finnish Institute of International Affairs

Speakers' biographies 

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Nathalie Loiseau is the Minister for European Affairs of France since July 2017. Previously, she was the Director of the French National School of Public Administration ENA (2012–2017). Nathalie Loiseau was appointed a Minister Plenipotentiary on 1 October 2012. She joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1986 where she has held several positions, including Director-General for Administration and Modernization (2011–2012), Human Resources Director (2009–2011), Deputy Director for the Middle East and North Africa at the Central Administration (2008–2009) and Head of the North Africa Department (2007–2008). She has been posted to Jakarta (1990–1992), Dakar (1995–1999), Rabat (1999–2002) and from August 2002 to July 2007 Washington D.C., where she worked as Head of the Press and Information Service at the French Embassy. Nathalie Loiseau is a graduate of the Paris Institute of Political Studies (Sciences Po) and of the French National Institute for Oriental Languages and Civilisations (INALCO) in Chinese.



Kari Halonen is the Chair of the Board of the Finnish Institute of International Affairs since January 2018. He is the State Secretary for EU Affairs and the Head of the EU Secretariat at the Prime Minister's Office since July 2008. Prior to that, he served as the Director General of the Department for Europe at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland from 2004 to 2008 and worked at the Permanent Representation of Finland to the EU from 1995 to 2004.



Teija Tiilikainen is the Director of the Finnish Institute of International Affairs (FIIA). Previously, Dr. Tiilikainen was the Director of the Network of European Studies at the University of Helsinki (2003–2009). She has also served as Secretary of State at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland from 2007 to 2008. Dr. Tiilikainen was the Special Representative of the Prime Minister of Finland in the Convention on the Future of Europe in 2002–2003. Currently, she is also Editor-in-Chief of *Ulkopolitiikka* – the Finnish Journal of Foreign Affairs.