



Israeli-European Policy Network (IEPN)

CIRCLE ISRAEL

Soft and Hard Security Issues in EU-Israeli Relations

MEETING OF CIRCLE ISRAEL ON 7 APRIL 2008

Location: « La Prieuré de Val Duchesse »
Boulevard du Souverain 259
1160 Brussels

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Date: Monday, 7 April 2008

Participants:

- Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung: Hermann Bünz, Director, FES Office Israel
- Coordinators of IEPN: Mr. Christoph Moosbauer and Dr. Stephan Stetter (Europe); Dr. Roby Nathanson and Dr. Shlomo Shpiro (Israel)
- European and Israeli researchers of IEPN: Thomas Teichler, Dr. Isabel Schäfer, Dr. Eva Gross, Professor Gonzalo Escribano, Dr. Eli Goldstein, Daniela Huber
- Members of Circle Israel (a list of all participants has been distributed by separate mail)

Hotel accommodation for external participants:

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AGENDA

7 April

Arrival of participants

11:00-11:15

Registration

11:15-11:45

Opening statement on the current state of work of IEPN by Hermann Bünz
(Director FES Israel)

Opening address by the coordinators of the IEPN, Stephan Stetter and Roby
Nathanson

11:45-12:30

*Short update and roundtable discussion on recent developments relating to
EU-Israeli relations*

Chair: Christoph Moosbauer

Kick-off statement by

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12:30-13:30

*Session I: Discussion on IEPN Working Papers – Environmental and Energy
Security*

- Short presentations of draft papers by IEPN researchers followed by general discussion
- Each presentation lasts 10 minutes, followed by 5 minutes comments and 15 minutes plenary debate
- Chatham House Rules apply to all parts of this conference
- Initial summaries of all Working Papers/drafts have been sent to all participants prior to the meeting. Participants of the meeting are expected to have read the summary papers prior to the meeting. The papers will be published in the fourth IEPN Volume in 2008

Chair: Stephan Stetter

Paper by Gonzalo Escribano: **Energy Security in EU-Israeli Relations**
Comments: Sven Biscop

Paper by Eli Goldstein: **Confronting the Climate Change Challenge in
Israel and in the EU**
Comments: Isabel Schäfer

13:30-14:30

Lunch

- 14:30-16:00 *Session II: Discussion on IEPN Working Papers – Military Affairs and Security*
- Chair: Roby Nathanson
- Paper by Thomas Teichler: **Israeli-European Armaments Cooperation**
Comments: Costanza Musu
- Paper by Shlomo Shpiro: **New Dimensions and New Instruments in European Security Engagement in the Middle East**
Comments: Lior Hermann
- Paper by Eva Gross: **The ESDP and Israel**
Comments: Bastian Giegerich
- 16:00-16:30 Coffee break
- 16:30-17:30 *Session III: Discussion on IEPN Working Papers – A Wider Notion of Security: Security without Securitisation*
- Chair: Shlomo Shpiro
- Paper by Isabel Schäfer: **The EU as a Transformative Power in the MENA Region: Implications for Israel**
Comments: Thomas Teichler
- Paper by Daniela Huber: **EU democracy promotion in the Palestinian territories and its implications for the Israeli-Palestinian conflict**
Comments: Gonzalo Escribano
- 17:30-18:00 Summary discussion on
* open issues in relation to the working papers
* the future work of IEPN in 2008 and beyond
- Introductory kick-off comments by the two IEPN coordinators Christoph Moosbauer and Shlomo Shpiro
- Chair: Hermann Bünz
- End of the meeting
- 1930 Dinner (location: Restaurant Sisteract, Rue de la Regence 25, 1000 Brussels, Tel.: 0032 – 2 – 503 1378)

8 April: Departure of external participants

Planning and Organisation

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