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TASK FORCE  
ON THE EU PREVENTION  
OF MASS ATROCITIES



*CEPS in cooperation with the Foundation for the International Prevention of Genocide and Mass Atrocities is pleased to invite you to a special seminar on:*

## ***“The EU and the prevention of mass atrocities: An assessment of strengths and weaknesses”***

Date: 6 March 2013

Time: 14:00 - 17:30

Venue: CEPS Conference Room – 1 Place du Congrès 1000 Brussels

### **Programme**

13.15 – 14.00 Registration and sandwiches

14.00 - 14.15 Welcome by **Steven Blockmans**, Head of the Foreign Policy Unit, CEPS

and **Gyorgy Tatar**, Chair of the Foundation for the International Prevention of  
Genocide and Mass Atrocities

14.15 - 14.45 Presentation of the report, *“The EU and the prevention of mass atrocities -  
An assessment of strengths and weaknesses”*

Prof. **Christoph O. Meyer**, Department of European and International Studies,  
King’s College, London, Co-Chair of the Task Force

Discussant: **Emma Bonino**, Vice-President of the Italian Senate, former Member of the  
European Commission

14.45 – 15.15 Questions and answers

15.15 – 15.30 Coffee break

15.30 – 17.30 Panel discussion on the challenges of preventing mass atrocities

**Adama Dieng**, Head of the Office of the Secretary-General’s Special Adviser on the  
Prevention of Genocide, United Nations

**Elmar Brok**, MEP and Chair, Committee on Foreign Affairs, European Parliament

**Maciej Popowski**, Deputy Secretary General, European External Action Service

Moderator: **Steven Blockmans**, Head of the Foreign Policy Unit, CEPS

On the initiative of the Foundation for the International Prevention of Genocide and Mass Atrocities<sup>1</sup> a Task Force<sup>2</sup> was established in January 2012 to prepare a report on the EU's capabilities to prevent mass atrocities and to foster a dialogue on their improvement.

The Task Force reviewed best practice in the area, conducted interviews with officials of the European Union institutions and governments, and held consultative meetings with leading experts, EU policy makers, representatives of EU administrations and NGOs in Brussels, Paris and Berlin. The Task Force's report analyses the strengths and weaknesses of EU capabilities in the area of mass atrocities prevention, and makes recommendations to improve the EU's capacity to prevent and respond to mass atrocities.

This event presents the final report of the Task Force, beginning with a presentation by a Co-Chair of the Task Force. This is followed by a panel discussion, in which leading politicians will express their views on the challenges to be addressed by the European Union institutions and member states in order to better prevent mass atrocities.

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1 [www.genocideprevention.eu](http://www.genocideprevention.eu)

2 Chaired by Professor Christoph O. Meyer (King's College London) and Professor Karen E. Smith (London School of Economics) and made up of leading European academics, experts and practitioners ([www.massatrocitiestaskforce.eu](http://www.massatrocitiestaskforce.eu))