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European Union Action in the Internal Security Domain: Challenges, Progress and Problems

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At the National Europe Centre, 1 Liversidge Street [67C], The Australian National University
Parking available in Balmain Lane, opposite University House.

Since the entry into force of the Treaty of Amsterdam in 1999 the European Union has rapidly expanded its action on internal security issues, with the EU Council now adopting each year over 100 texts in this domain and a whole range of new structures and comprehensive action plans having been put into place. As the Union faces some fundamental challenges in this domain because of national sovereignty and territoriality considerations as well as domestic political sensitivities this constitutes a quite remarkable political development. Substantial progress has been achieved primarily in four respects: The institutionalisation of internal security cooperation, information exchange and analysis, legislative action on mutual recognition and minimum harmonisation and operational coordination. Yet there are also a number of problems, some of which are increasing rather than decreasing. Among those are major differences between national priorities and threat perceptions, a widening gap between decisions taken and their actual implementation, difficulties of managing an increasingly complex set of structures and a growing securitisation of the entire "area of freedom, security and justice". In order to maintain the momentum of what can be regarded as one of the most important integration objectives since the 1990s the Union will need to address these problems as they affect both its efficiency and its legitimacy as an actor in this domain.

Jörg Monar holds an EU Marie Curie Chair of Excellence on EU internal security governance at the Robert Schuman University of Strasbourg where he is also in charge of research projects in this domain (SECURINT and NEWGOV). He is for that purpose on leave from his post as Professor of Contemporary European Studies and Co-Director of the Sussex European Institute (Brighton). He was from 1995 to 2001 Professor of Politics and Director of the CEPI at the University of Leicester and before that Director of the Institut für Europäische Politik in Bonn (now Berlin). He holds a doctorate from the University of Munich and one from the European University Institute (Florence). His other functions include those of a founding editor of the European Foreign Affairs Review, of Professor and Member of the Academic Council of the College of Europe and has also been serving as a specialist adviser to the House of Lords EU Committee on EU justice and home affairs issues since 1999.

Please forward this invitation to anyone who may be interested.

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