



# Young Security Conference

## The End of Promises

Bridging Interpretations towards a New Era of European Security

**3 & 4 June 2022**

Munich, Germany



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Germany



The future of the European Union (EU) depends on its public support. The same applies to EU security and defence policies today. Our Franco-German and transatlantic seminars connect young, innovative thinkers with leading policy analysts, EU officials and academic experts in a dialogue on the future of European foreign and security policy.

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Young Security Conference (YSC) Programme is composed of the YSC Conference and its Fellowship Programme. Two geopolitical dimensions will guide the YSC throughout the upcoming year, the Franco-German and transatlantic relationships, in addition to five thematic pillars: **Climate Security, Cyber Security, European Neighbourhood Security, Health Security, and European Sovereignty and Autonomy.**

Morning sessions on both conference days are dedicated to the **2022 YSC Fellows**, who are selected through an open application process. In a closed town hall session, diverse topics will be critically discussed to foster political innovation through intergenerational exchanges. During the sessions open to the public – both online and in-attendance – YSC Fellows will have the opportunity to present ideas, papers, and proposals, as well as to engage in discussions with high-ranking panellists.

The third edition of the YSC will take place in a hybrid format on

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> of June 2022 at:**



**Amerikahaus**  
**Bavarian Center for Transatlantic Relations**  
**Karolinenplatz 3**  
**80333 Munich**  
**Germany**

All open events are streamed on various digital channels. Find out more at

[www.young-security-conference.de](http://www.young-security-conference.de)

or via #ysc2022



## CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

### Friday, 3 June 2022

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08:30 Opening and Introduction of the Programme  
09:30

09:30 (Re)newing European Sovereignty in times of crisis? – The French Presidency and  
11:00 the European Security Architecture

11:30 **Fellows Session**

13:00 The present and future of EU foreign and security policy

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15:00 Cybersecurity – readjusting institutional strategy and the role of AI  
16:30 *in cooperation with Bund Sicherheitspolitischer Hochschulen (BSH)*

16:45 Health policies coordination in times of Pandemic and Hybrid warfare  
18:15 *in cooperation with Global Health Security Alliance (GloHSA) and MEIA Research*

18:30 The Russian-Ukrainian War and the Global Nuclear Order  
20:00 *in cooperation with Junges Nukleares Netzwerk*

20:00 Networking Buffet

\*Fellows Sessions are closed to the public and exclusive for registered participants



## CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

### Saturday, 4 June 2022

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- 09:00 **Fellows Session**  
11:00 Presentation and summary of proposals
- 11:30 New European geostrategic reality – Is Enlargement part of it?  
13:00 *in cooperation with the Bled Strategic Forum*
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- 15:00 A European perspective on Feminist Foreign Policy  
16:30 *in cooperation with the Centre for Feminist Foreign Policy)*
- 16:45 Implementing the European Green Deal – A “change of tides” for climate  
18:15 protection?
- 18:30 Where do we go from here? The war in Ukrainian and the future of European  
20:00 Security
- 20:00 Closing & Networking Buffet

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## FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME

### Workshops

We believe that Europe's diversity and its humanist values are at the heart of its identity. It is therefore imperative to include this diversity in the process of developing the EU's political project. We offer the opportunity to lead and advance debates, aiming to provide concrete proposals to respond to Europe's most pressing challenges and to contribute to building its future.

Following the conference, EuropaNova Germany will continue to organise both digital and in person workshops for the Fellows which expand upon the themes presented at the YSC. As this is a 'community of practice', the workshops, which are divided into two parts, are designed to facilitate scientific debate and collaborative discussion in a pedagogical format.

The YSC Fellowship will focus on a plethora of issues related to the future of Franco-German relations, European strategic autonomy, and the transatlantic alliance. During the year-long programme, Fellows will have the opportunity to present their ideas, papers, proposals, as well as to participate in discussions and exchanges with one another, leading practitioners, and academic experts.

### Provisional Agenda 2022/23

- Strategic Autonomy & the results of the French Presidency of the EU
- The strategic compass and the EU of defence: The EU in the game of the great world powers
- Migration flows and the security situation stemming from Afghanistan and Ukraine

## THE STORY OF THE YSC

The European Union's uniqueness stems from its diversity, as a place in which different nationalities, cultures, languages, and backgrounds can work together as one. Hence, the people who talk and think about Europe and shaping its future should reflect this diversity. This objective, incorporating a plurality of backgrounds and perspectives in pursuit of bolstering civic engagement, has been at the core of our mission since the beginning.

Thanks to funding from the Franco-German University and the Franco-German Youth Office, the Young Security Conference (YSC) has been uniting an intergenerational audience from across Europe/the globe since 2020 to critically discuss and reflect on diverse topics related to the EU's security, defence roadmaps and recent political innovations.

With a mixture of Fellow dedicated and public sessions, participants are welcomed to challenge their academic perspectives and to network with a variety of professionals from across the spectrum of the security and development sector. Through an original, dynamic, and youthful approach to interpreting security, the YSC aims to keep up with the fast pace at which the world is changing. As stated by a former participant “[b]ringing together young security leaders, the YSC represents a new concept within the international scenario, where outstanding speakers and young researchers exchange input and work together to propose new outputs”.

Consequently, creating spaces in which Fellows can present their original work and proposals to a high-level audience lies at the heart of the YSC. Dr. Asiem El Difraoui, Co-Founder of the Candid Foundation Paris/Berlin was “[s]imply impressed by the exchanges of young participants - controversial - creative and intelligent” which resulted from this format.

The report of the 2020 edition can be accessed online here: [YSC Report 2020](#).



## 2021: Furthering Our Mission under Difficult Circumstances

Due to the pandemic in 2021, the YSC adapted its traditional format to respond to restrictions on gathering. Despite being online, the YSC still brought participants together, facilitating meaningful connections and a lively exchange of ideas, through a discussion of topics of major relevance to the current state of Franco-German and European political affairs.

Panels were centred around our five pillars: *EU's Open Strategic Autonomy, Health Security, The EU and its Neighbourhood, Climate Security & the Green Deal, and Cyber Security & Digital Policies*. The 2021 conference anchored its multidisciplinary reflections on key concepts, such as the role of the West in today's global challenges and the role of the Franco-German alliance at the centre of the European integration process - an alliance which has survived a difficult decade and thus finds itself at a crossroads.

As we approach our third YSC, our network of Fellows continues to grow and contributes to our goal of promoting a Franco-German dialogue not only during but also after the conference.

The complete agenda and speaker list of the 2021 conference can be found [here](#); the panel discussions for the 2021 conference can be accessed [here](#).

**EuropaNova Germany is an association (e.V.) and NGO registered in Berlin Charlottenburg, Germany. It is a non-political, intergenerational think tank working to strengthen Franco-German and European dialogue in the world.**