ESPAS in Brief

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AN INTER-INSTITUTIONAL EU PROJECT
Strategic Dialogues on Future Challenges to European Security

ESPAS launched the Strategic Dialogues on Future Challenges to European Security in 2016. Leading experts and practitioners have helped better understand emerging trends and key drivers of change in Europe’s security and strategic outlook, such as terrorism and radicalisation, internet safety and security, cybersecurity and cybercrime, and aviation security.

Putting Foresight into Practice

ESPAS involves an Inter-Institutional Project Team which applies recognised foresight techniques to discussions on key trends. To date, foresight exercises have focused on education, energy, radicalisation, trust and corruption.

Training for the Future

ESPAS provides training opportunities to participating EU officials by engaging with leading foresight experts covering methods and techniques that range from trend analysis, to horizon scanning and scenario planning.
The ESPAS Young Talent Network, created in 2015, brings together a diverse community of professionals from all EU institutions participating in ESPAS who are committed to devote a portion of their time to think about global trends, critically discuss the resulting challenges, and consider policy alternatives on major issues.

This peer network brings the added value of inter-institutional thinking to the analysis of trends. The objectives of the network are three-fold: **Cooperation**, to build a community and closer cooperation between the various EU institutions and bodies; **Learning**, to pool the expertise of the participants, exchange ideas and think out-of-the-box about challenges and opportunities ahead; **Action**, to engage in the analysis of trends, challenges and impact, both in terms of policy and governance, and bring foresight into their everyday work.

**Resources**
- **ORBIS** is a global foresight hub and the world’s largest library of prospective studies. Discover the long-term trends that will shape society. Read, learn and contemplate a wide variety of topics that concern you and the rest of the world’s citizens.
- **Global Trends to 2030: Can the EU meet the challenges ahead?** The ESPAS report assesses a long-term political and economic environment facing the EU over the next 15 years, and identifies the major global trends that are likely to shape the future.
- Think pieces on ‘Shaping the Future of Society and Governance’ and ‘Shaping the Future of Geopolitics’ by global thought leaders.

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