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**The Polish Institute of International Affairs (PISM)
Brussels Office
with
The Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS)
and
The Swedish Institute for European Policy Studies (SIEPS)**

invite you to the online debate:

EEAS at 10: increasing the buy-in from the member states

**Zoom Webinar Livestreamed via Youtube
8 April (Thursday) 2021, 16.00-17.15 CET (Belgium)**

Despite significant achievements in the first ten years of its existence, the European External Action Service (EEAS) still suffers from a lack of buy-in from member states and other parts of the EU administration. It is therefore an opportune time to consider how the role and functioning of the EEAS can better serve the common interests of the European Union and fulfil its objectives in external action. EEAS staff composition—of the administrator group (AD category), in particular—has been one of the main topics of interest due to the Service's unique nature, with a major role for the EU member states. Yet ten years on, visible imbalances in representation still exist.

Two studies conducted separately by CEPS and SIEPS (From self-doubt to self-assurance. The European External Action Service as the indispensable support for a geopolitical EU), on the one hand, and the Polish Institute of International Affairs (Specifics and trends in the appointment of European External Action Service Administrative Staff (2011–2019) have reappraised the EEAS' actual and potential mission in the coming years, considering the dynamic ecosystem within which it functions, and analyzing AD staff appointment trends. Distilling key lessons from the first decade of the Service's operation, the reports set out recommendations to address the identified shortcomings and to make much more of the EEAS' core assets, especially the integrated approach, the diversity of its in-house diplomatic expertise, a formidable network of delegations around the world, and a single intelligence analysis capacity, among others.

The reports and their conclusions will be a starting point for a debate among experts and EEAS officials invited by the PISM Brussels Office, in cooperation with CEPS and SIEPS.

Chair:

- **Łukasz Jurczyszyn** – Director of PISM Brussels Office, the Polish Institute of International Affairs

Welcome remarks (5 min)

- **Patrycja Sasnal** – Director of Research, the Polish Institute of International Affairs



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Presentation of the reports (20 min)

- **Christophe Hillion**, Senior Research Fellow at the Swedish Institute of European Policy Studies and **Steven Blockmans**, Director of Research at the Centre for European Policy Studies
- **Bartłomiej Znojek** and **Elżbieta Kaca** – Senior Research Fellows, the Polish Institute of International Affairs

Comments (20 min):

- **Belen Martinez-Carbonell**, Director of Human Resources, EEAS
- **EEAS Top-Official** (tbc)

Q & A session with panellists and expert public via chat (30 min)

Closing remarks by Chair