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EUROCORPS *Conference*



PROGRAM

“Addressing Legal Challenges
in the Operational Framework
of Present-day Conflicts”

December 12th, 2022

LOCATION: SALLE RHIN HEADQUARTERS EUROCORPS

- 10:00 **KEYNOTE SPEECH BY THE COMMANDER OF EUROCORPS,**
Lieutenant General Peter Devogelaere
- 10:15 **INTRODUCTION**
Sébastien Touzé,
 Director of the René Cassin Foundation
- 10:30 **SESSION 1. MILITARY OPERATIONS IN THE SAHEL REGION**
 Chair: **Major General Jean-Pierre Perrin,**
 Chief of Staff Eurocorps
- 10:50 **Operational challenges faced by the counter-terrorism force in the Sahel**
 Speaker: **Major General Laurent Michon,**
 Barkhane Force Commander
 Speaker: **Lieutenant Colonel Henrik Andersen,**
 Takuba Force
- 11:30 **The legal framework addressing terrorism and counter-terrorism**
 Speaker: **Gloria Gaggioli,**
 Professor, University of Geneva
- 11:50 Discussion 
- Lunch break
- 14:00 **INTRODUCTION**
Emmanuel Decaux,
 President of the René Cassin Foundation
- 14:15 **SESSION 2. SELECTED ISSUES IN CONTEMPORARY ARMED CONFLICTS**
 Chair: **Jan Bartels,**
 NATO, SHAPE Legal Office
- 14:35 **Legal challenges raised by armed operations in urban areas**
 Speaker: **Nicolas Lange,**
 General Counsellor, Chief Division LEGAD, Belgian Ministry of Defense
- 14:55 **Lawfare: A decisive element of today's conflicts?**
 Speaker: **Brigadier General Pavel Kriz,**
 NATO, SHAPE Legal Office



15:15 **Private military companies under humanitarian law**
 Speaker: **Laurent Trigeaud**,
 Professor, University of Paris 2 Panthéon-Assas

15:35 Discussion



Coffee break

16:00 **SESSION 3. TOWARDS A BETTER COMPLIANCE OF IHL AND IHRL IN ARMED CONFLICTS**

Chair: **Julia Grignon**,
 Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, Laval University

16:20 **Role of the EUTM Mali Mission Force Commander and challenges facing EUTM Mali**
 Speaker: **Brigadier General Jochen Deuer**,
 Deputy Chief of Staff Operations Eurocorps

16:40 **The challenges of international human rights protection in the context of operations in non-international armed conflicts**
 Speaker: **Major Jose Delpon**,
 Legal Department Spanish Ministry of Defence

17:00 **The obligation of states to respect and enforce compliance with IHL and IHRL**
 Speaker: **Jérôme de Hemptinne**,
 Professor, University of Louvain

17:20 **The jurisprudence of the European Court of Human Rights**
 Speaker: **Frédéric Krenc**,
 Judge, European Court of Human Rights

17:40 Discussion



18:00 **CLOSING ADDRESS BY THE EU COMMISSIONER FOR JUSTICE, Didier Reynders**
«The role of EU justice policy in the fight against terrorism and extremism»

Standing Dinner



EUROCORPS

Linked with NATO Command structure and the Command and Control of the European Union's missions, EUROCORPS still keeps its autonomy and is available for both organizations after a unanimous decision of the Framework Nations taken by the Common Committee (decisive body of EUROCORPS). Since its early creation, agreements were signed to put EUROCORPS at the disposal of both entities.

The SACEUR agreement of 21 January 1993 allows EUROCORPS to be put under NATO command when needed and regulates the information exchange and training between both partners in peacetime. The SACEUR agreement was amended in 2002, linked to EUROCORPS' certification as High Readiness Force. The EUROCORPS was deployed for NATO in **Bosnia-Herzegovina (1998), Kosovo (2000), Afghanistan (2004 and 2012) and engaged as NATO Response Force in 2006, 2010 and 2020.**

In May 1993, France and Germany made EUROCORPS available for "Petersberg" missions (crisis response operations) to the former Western European Union. At the European Summit in Köln (1999), the European Union wished to have multinational forces prepared for future military crisis management. EUROCORPS could foster closer relationship with the European Union. Additionally, the signature of a "Letter of Intent" between EUROCORPS and the European Union Military Staff (EUMS) on 18 January 2016, has demonstrated EUROCORPS' effort towards closer ties with the European Union. EUROCORPS personnel was deployed for the EU in **Mali in 2015 and 2021, as in the Central African Republic in 2016/17 and 2021/22. In 2016/17 EUROCORPS was in standby as a European Battle Group.**

Those historical steps and the current activities of EUROCORPS underline that our Headquarters is fully available for both the European Union and NATO.

RENÉ CASSIN

Born on October 5th, 1887 in Bayonne, René Cassin was a jurist, a diplomat and a French politician. René Cassin also engaged in favor for the defense and the promotion of Human Rights.

He participated in The United Nations Commission on Human Rights and he is one of the drafters/editors of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights with/alongside Eleanor Roosevelt. Starting from 1959, he exercises the judicial functions of judge at the European Court of Human Rights of which he will become president from 1965 to 1968 by succeeding Lord McNair, first President of the Arnold Duncan Court.

On October 10th 1968, René Cassin receives the Nobel Prize for Peace. The following year, he created the International Institute of Human Rights, an association that he wishes to see contribute to the protection and the promotion of human rights through research and teaching.

THE RENÉ CASSIN FOUNDATION

True to the vision and the work of René Cassin, the René Cassin Foundation - International Institute of Human Rights has been created by a decree published in the official journal on December 13th, 2015. This new Foundation replaces the International Institute of Human Rights and takes its full name of Foundation René Cassin - International Institute of Human Rights. It aims to implement the defence and the promotion of human rights and fundamental freedoms through teaching and research in complete independence and in a scientific spirit.