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ONE YEAR

HR/VP Federica MOGHERINI

4 Outside EU
Inside EU
Official

411 Bilateral high level meetings*

*including Heads of State or Government, Foreign Ministers, Ministers of Defense

72 Forums*

(* Including international meetings, conferences, seminars)

93 EU Institutional meetings

(including College meetings, plenaries, AFET Councils, Association Councils, etc.)

29 College meetings

34 European Councils
EU Foreign Affairs Councils
EU Development Councils

10 Plenaries

(including AFET Councils, etc.)

+10 Association Councils presided by the HR/VP

European External Action Service (EEAS)

EU's foreign and security policy service



Federica Mogherini, EU's Chief Diplomat

Foreign Minister of Italy, before taking up her position with the EU.

High Representative of the **Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP)** of the EU.

Vice President of the European Commission, chairs the **EU Commissioners' Group on External Action**.

Chairs the monthly **Foreign Ministers Council (FAC)**, and the Councils of Defence and Development Ministers of the 28 EU Member States.

Oversees the development of the **EU Global Strategy on Foreign and Security Policy** which is due to be presented to the EU leaders by June 2016.



A more connected, contested and complex world

"We cannot act without a strategy, a vision on what we want to achieve, and how we want to get there. The new *Global Strategy* will describe the priorities and the principles of our external action (...) A starting point for our work is the close link between our internal and external policies and the effect this has on our security."

"Two main principles: One is *consistency*, the other is *responsible engagement*. Consistency means that our external and our internal action must be guided by the same interests and the same values. Responsible engagement goes together with *partnership*."



HR/VP speech during EU Global Strategy Conference organised by EUISS in Barcelona (26 November 2015).



In June 2015, Federica Mogherini presented her **strategic assessment of the global context** to EU's Heads of State and Government.

EU leaders tasked her to prepare an **EU Global Strategy on Foreign and Security Policy** which will guide the EU's global actions in the future.

It is developed **in close cooperation** with Member States, as well as with EU Institutions and the broader foreign policy community.

The HR/VP is leading a **broad based reflection** on the strategic outlook for the EU's global action to ensure that a wide range of views are taken into account.

The Global Strategy is due to be presented to EU leaders **by June 2016**.

Official website: <https://europa.eu/globalstrategy/>



Relations with the European Parliament

The HR/VP maintains **close relations with the European Parliament**, speaking regularly at the **monthly plenary sessions in Strasbourg** as well as reporting regularly to **parliamentary committees**.



Consistency of EU's Foreign and Security Policy

The HR/VP Represents the EU internationally and in multilateral fora.

Plays a key role in ensuring **consistency in the development and implementation of EU's Foreign and Security policy** across the board.

Promotes **EU's comprehensive approach**, combining all instruments such as diplomatic, development, military assets, capacity building, etc.





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The EU's commitment to effective multilateralism, with the United Nations at its core, is a central element of its external action.

"Europe's commitment to multilateralism – with the UN at its core – stems from our values and beliefs. But it is also an act of realism. The threats we face have never been so complex. They require complex, articulated responses. The time when super-powers thought they could split the world into spheres of influence is long gone – we should all realise that. The number of regional and global actors has multiplied. And none of them can realistically aspire at facing challenges, or truly benefiting from opportunities, alone. We need cooperation, more than ever. The new global order will be multilateral, or it will not be"

Speech by HR/VP Federica Mogherini at the UN Security Council (9 March 2015).



The EU actively **supports human rights and democracy around the world**, using various tools and methods at its disposal, including financial assistance.

This commitment underpins **all internal and external policies** of the European Union.

Today's complex crises and **widespread violations and abuses of human rights and fundamental freedoms** require ever more determined efforts by the EU.

In July 2015, the Council adopted the new **EU action plan on human rights and democracy 2015-2019**, "Keeping human rights at the heart of the EU agenda."

The EU remains committed to implementing the entire human rights and democracy agenda as reflected in the **2012 Strategic Framework for Human Rights and Democracy**, which continues to guide the Union's actions, and in the EU human rights guidelines, Council Conclusions and strategy papers.



Multilateral human rights diplomacy is a core pillar of EU human rights policy and the EU is very active in UN human rights fora.

The EU seeks to have **Human Rights Clauses** in political framework agreements with third countries, such as Association Agreements and Partnership and Cooperation Agreements.

Human rights and development policies and strategies are inextricably linked, mutually reinforcing and complementary.

The EU conducts **dedicated human rights talks** with over 40 countries around the globe.

EU Annual Report on Human Rights and Democracy in the World.

The EU mainstreams its **human rights and gender policies in crisis management missions and operations.**

Since 1993 the EU has conducted more than **110 election observation missions (EOM).**





Important role played by the HR/VP and the European Commission in promoting a **consistent and coherent implementation of the EU's human rights policy.**

The **EU Special Representative for Human Rights**, Stavros Lambrinidis, contributes to the effectiveness, coherence and visibility of EU human rights policy.

The EU is committed to **public diplomacy and communication** on its human rights actions, to put across its concerns or to welcome positive developments.

#EU4HumanRights campaign.





"Arc of instability" - International challenges

The spread of ungoverned spaces enables criminals and terrorists to thrive.

More than 50 million people displaced.

Ideology and identity drive tensions on different continents.

Demographic trends and growing inequalities also threaten more conflict.

Climate change and resource scarcity drive conflicts across Asia, the Middle East and Africa.

Technology has changed the nature of conflict, generating new threats.



The EU in a changing global environment



The EU faces a number of major crises which dictate, amongst other things, our current priorities.

Migration is obviously centre stage with the HR/VP active to fight root causes, promoting diplomatic solutions to conflicts or helping to drum up humanitarian assistance.



Further priorities are working with countries in the neighbourhood, and beyond, with a special focus on stability.



EU Foreign Policy in Action



The EU is a full coalition partner and is contributing to the **Global Coalition to counter Da'esh's actions by non-military activities**, including measures to tackle the foreign terrorist fighters issue, prevent terrorist financing, counter the terrorists' narrative, and stabilise the areas liberated from Da'esh in Iraq.



On 4 February 2016 at the '**Supporting Syria and the Region**' conference in London, the European Union and its Member States pledged **more than €3 billion** to assist the Syrian people inside Syria as well as refugees and the communities hosting them in neighbouring countries during 2016. From its budget alone, the EU will spend 2.4 billion in 2016/2017.



Since the **Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA)** was concluded in July 2015, all sides have been working towards its full and timely implementation.

Adoption Day was declared on 18 October 2015, respecting the timeline set out in the agreement and in United Nations Security Council Resolution 2231.

The work carried out to reach these important milestones has been coordinated by the **European Union, in the framework of the E3/EU+3 group and Iran**, and in close cooperation with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).



High Level Dialogue for normalisation of relations between Belgrade and Pristina.



Through its political, practical and economic support, the EU has played a crucial role in building **peace in the Western Balkans** since the Yugoslav wars. One shining example is the dialogue facilitated by the European Union between **Serbia and Kosovo**, which led to a landmark deal in April 2013.



On August 2015, Federica Mogherini hosted a meeting of the **high level dialogue to finalise implementation arrangements of four key agreements**: on energy, telecoms, establishment of the Association/Community of Serb majority municipalities as well as the Freedom of Movement/Mitrovica Bridge.





1 January 2016 marked the provisional application of the **EU – Ukraine Deep and Comprehensive Free trade Area (DCFTA)**.

The DCFTA is one part of the **EU – Ukraine Association Agreement**, signed in June 2014, which covers political and economic cooperation, bringing the EU and Ukraine closer together.



The EU is **working together with international partners** - the United Nations, the United States and Russia - **in the 'Quartet'** to build a two-state solution, with an independent, democratic Palestinian state existing side-by-side Israel in peace and security.

On 12 February 2016 in Munich, the representatives of **the Quartet reaffirmed their commitment** to act in coordination with key stakeholders, including regional countries and the UN Security Council, to stabilize the situation and **to actively support a just, comprehensive and lasting settlement of the Palestinian-Israeli conflict.**



On 10-11 March 2016, the HR/VP Mogherini co-chaired the **EU-Cuba Political Dialogue** with the Cuban Minister of Foreign Affairs to discuss the whole range of areas of common interest.

This visit to Cuba came one year after HR/VP Mogherini first visit to the country and **followed up on the Political dialogue** which took place in Brussels in April 2015.



Refugee crisis - EU's comprehensive approach

On 13 May 2015, the European Commission presented its **European Agenda on Migration**, setting out a **comprehensive approach** for improving the management of migration in all its aspects.

It sets out a **European response combining internal and external policies**, making best use of EU agencies and tools and involving Member States and institutions, international organisations, civil society, local authorities and partners outside the EU, working on the following areas:

- To address the **root causes** of irregular migration and forced displacement - in cooperation with the countries of origin and transit.
- To enhance cooperation on **legal migration and mobility**.
- To reinforce the **protection of migrants and asylum seekers**.
- To prevent and **fight migrant smuggling and trafficking**.
- To improve **cooperation on return, readmission and reintegration**.



On 11 and 12 November, the **Valletta Summit** brought together 28 European Union and 54 African leaders to strengthen cooperation in the area of migration and address the current challenges and opportunities. The conference agreed on a **Political Declaration** and developed an **Action Plan**.

Another key result of the Valletta Summit was the launch of the “**Emergency Trust Fund for stability and addressing root causes of irregular migration and displaced persons in Africa**”, in which Member States and the European Commission committed just under **€2 billion**.



EU Naval Force in the Mediterranean

Part of EU's comprehensive approach, Operation Sophia was launched on 22 June 2015.

The aim of this military operation is to undertake systematic action **to disrupt the business of human smuggling and trafficking in the Mediterranean, to prevent further loss of life at sea.**



EU Civilian Missions & Military Operations



Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) integral part of the CFSP.

32 CSDP missions and operations, since 2003; 17 ongoing worldwide.

Carrying out a variety of tasks, including peacekeeping operations, managing borders, training local police, support to humanitarian aid, crisis management, rescue operations, among others.

Personnel, budget and equipment are supplied by EU Member States.



EU Civilian Missions & Military Operations



Military Operations/Missions 0
Civilian Missions 0

6 ongoing military operations/missions

11 ongoing civilian missions

More than 6,000 people currently deployed

15 completed missions since 2003.

80,000 people deployed since 2003: soldiers, policemen and rule of law experts.

Objectives: keeping the peace, preventing conflicts, strengthening international security, supporting the rule of law and prevention of piracy.



Fighting Piracy - Operation ATALANTA

Protect vulnerable UN chartered vessels (World Food Programme).

Deter and disrupt piracy/armed robbery.

Contribute to creating the conditions for an enduring solution to the Somali piracy issue.



The Comprehensive Approach

Several instruments combined to address the problems facing Somalia in a comprehensive way.

Military operation is accompanied by civilian missions and development aid to build capacity for the Somali defence and security forces as well as the judiciary. Humanitarian aid helps with immediate needs of the Somali population.



EU's Foreign and Security Policy service with its headquarters based in Brussels.

Headed by the **EU High Representative and Vice President of the Commission (HR/VP)**.

Founded in January 2011, principles laid down in the **2009 Lisbon Treaty**.

Brings more coherence, more cooperation, more consistency to the EU's **External Action**.

Guides the work of **139 EU Delegations and Offices** around the world.

More than a Foreign Ministry, it covers also **Security and Defence** matters: works in close cooperation with diplomatic and defence Ministries of the 28 EU member states and with international partners.

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Who works at the EEAS?

At the end of 2015, the **EEAS** had in total **4,189 staff members** working in Brussels Headquarters and in EU Delegations around the world, both European and non-European.



EEAS Headquarters is divided into **geographic & horizontal policy departments**.

At the end of 2015, **1,928 staff** worked at **EEAS Headquarters** in Brussels, Belgium, including more than **300 diplomats temporarily seconded from EU Member States**.

2,261 staff in EU Delegations around the world (European and non-European).

In addition, there were **3,541 staff members of the European Commission** working in Delegations: DGs - DEVCO, NEAR, TRADE, ECHO etc.

EU Delegations work in close cooperation with EU Member States' diplomatic services, other EU and International Organisations.



Ambassadors of the European Union

The HR/VP appoints and provides political guidance to the **EU Ambassadors** in the 139 Delegations and Offices to help advance **EU policies/interests and universal values** around the world.



139 EU Delegations and Offices



TASKS

Represent the EU and its citizens globally.

Serve EU interests by presenting, explaining and implementing EU policies.

Foster Political Dialogue.

Manage Development Aid.

Conduct negotiations in accordance with a given mandate.

Analyse and report on the political, social, and economic situation in the country to Headquarters.



Public Diplomacy and Strategic Communications

EU's Public Diplomacy - led by the 139 Delegations and Offices around the world - encompasses **engagement with the media, cultural diplomacy and digital diplomacy**.

EU Delegations **reach out to strategic audiences in third countries** by organising a wide range of events and activities aiming at fostering engagement in **two-way dialogues** with young people, political figures, media, academia, business and civil society.

These dialogues aim at **promoting and explaining EU policies**, raising awareness about EU issues and concerns and the importance of partnership, **strengthening bridges** by cultivating mutual respect and understanding based on shared values and interests.

Ensure visibility of **EU-funded projects and exchange programmes**.



The role of culture in external action

The promotion of **European culture and inter-cultural dialogue** is a core part of EU Public Diplomacy, working hand in hand with the EU Member States and cultural institutes in third countries. e.g. Film and music festivals.



Celebrations around **Europe Day** on 9 May: Flagship event around the world.



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Federica Mogherini (@FedericaMog) - High Representative of the EU for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, Vice President of the EU Commission. Inscrit en janvier 2012. 361 Photos et vidéos. 5 563 tweets, 7 510 abonnements, 201 k abonnés, 686 aimés.

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