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## Good or Bad Neighbours Europe's Main Security Challenge

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Within the framework of the “Security” conference which will be organised by Eurofedop on 20-22/03/2017 in Tallinn, Estonia, Bert Van Caelenberg attended a meeting on the subject of “security” within the context of the ENP countries (ENP=European Neighbourhood Policy, regarding the countries of Ukraine, Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Moldova, Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Tunisia, Libya, Israel, Syria and Palestine).



The speakers at the Martens Centre were Sandra Kalniete, Latvia, Member of the European Parliament, Salome Samadashvili, Member of the Georgian Parliament and Bruno Lété, Transatlantic Fellow, Security and Defence, of the German Marshall Fund of the United States' office in Brussels.

Ms Kalniete underlined that “Peace, no violence” should be the starting point. However, the EU's “soft power” is not successful. The Union has no control over its neighbouring countries.

Ms Samadashvili stated that the development of security systems and helping new partners develop their justice system is important for the European Union. The only way to achieve stability is the creation of stability in the neighbouring countries.

Mr Lété referred to the need for a more pragmatic approach, the Union should show more muscle, making possible aggressors understand that it will not be easy to cross the member states' borders. The EU, NATO, should train elite troops, border police.