

# Foreign Affairs Council (FAC) simulation

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## European Commission Regional Representation, Wroclaw

The Foreign Affairs Council is **responsible for the EU's external action**, covering a wide range of issues from foreign policy and defence to trade, development cooperation and humanitarian aid. It defines and **implements the EU's foreign and security policy**, which is based on the guidelines set by the European Council.

The FAC's main task, together with the European Commission and assisted by the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, is to ensure the unity, consistency and effectiveness of the EU's external action.

The High Representative and the member states may submit proposals to the FAC in the area of Common Foreign and Security Policy. The European Commission may also submit joint proposals with the High Representative in the area of Common Foreign and Security Policy.

The Foreign Affairs Council is **composed of the foreign ministers from all EU** member states.

Meetings of the Foreign Affairs Council are chaired by the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, currently Catherine Ashton.

The High Representative is assisted by the European External Action Service (EEAS).

The Foreign Affairs council meets once a month.

The topic simulated during the 1st session of Model European Union Conference in Wroclaw will be **EU response to the Russian-Ukrainian crisis**.

**Here you can find related to this topic information:**

<http://www.consilium.europa.eu>

<http://www.eur-lex.europa.eu>

[http://eeas.europa.eu/statements/docs/2014/140318\\_02\\_en.pdf](http://eeas.europa.eu/statements/docs/2014/140318_02_en.pdf)

[http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms\\_data/docs/pressdata/EN/foraff/135804.pdf](http://www.consilium.europa.eu/uedocs/cms_data/docs/pressdata/EN/foraff/135804.pdf)

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