



## CONCEPT

Ongoing United States (US)-China competition, growing cooperation between China, North Korea and Russia and a shifting US policy towards allies call for a rethink and upgrading of relations among like-minded partners. In this context, the Republic of Korea (ROK) and Europe share an interest in deepening their security, diplomatic and economic ties. This will strengthen their respective positions in a changing international environment. This track-1.5 expert workshop will explore how the ROK and Europe – including the EU, NATO and European countries – can work together in practice to support each other, as well as to boost multilateral cooperation with fellow liberal democracies.

## PROGRAMME

Private event

Welcome coffee

10:00 – 10:15 **Welcome remarks**

**H.E. Ryu Jeonghyun**

Ambassador, Mission of the Republic of Korea to the European Union

**Luis Simón**

Director, Centre for Security, Diplomacy and Strategy – VUB

10:15 – 11:30 **Panel I – Europe's Responses to the Evolving Global Landscape: Prospects and Opportunities for ROK-Europe Cooperation**

Moderator

**Giulia Tercovich**

Deputy Director, Centre for Security, Diplomacy and Strategy – VUB

Speakers

**Go Myong-hyun**

Senior Fellow, Institute for National Security Strategy (INSS)

**Lee Jae-seung**

Professor, Korea University

**Jean-Baptiste Valmary**

Deputy Head, Peace, Security and Defence Partnerships Division, EEAS

11:30 – 11:45 **Break**

11:45 – 13:00 **Panel II – North Korea's Evolving Policy Choices and Pathways to Strengthening ROK-Europe Cooperation**

Moderator

**Ramón Pacheco Pardo**

KF-VUB Korea Chair, Centre for Security, Diplomacy and Strategy – VUB

Speakers

**Sophie Briquetti**

Political Officer, Political Affairs and Security Policy Division, NATO

**Song Tae-eun**

Assistant Professor, Korea National Diplomatic Academy (KNDA)

13:00 – 14:00 **Lunch**

14:00 **End**