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Maritime security in the Indo-Pacific: perspectives from the EU

The European presence in the Indian Ocean and the wider Indo-Pacific has increased in the past years. Risks and threats to maritime security in key transit routes have grown in intensity, whether from piracy and terrorism, to the attacks by the Houthis on shipping in the Red Sea. At the same time, the concept of freedom of the seas is under attack in the Western Pacific, specifically the tensions in the South China Sea, the East China Sea, and the Taiwan Strait. European preferences for a free and open Indo-Pacific are clear, yet how these ends are best achieved is not. What are EU's privileged partners in the region? Through which formats (minilateral or EU-wide frameworks) can the EU act efficiently? Which issues are crucial for the EU and how many resources should be expended? This panel looks to answer these questions.

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