XIII Dialogue CIDOB – SWP – FES

Germany and Spain: a new European policy?

Online seminar, 25th of February 2022
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The think tanks CIDOB and SWP, with the support of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation of the Government of Spain and the Madrid office of the Friedrich Ebert Foundation, will celebrate the 13th edition of the CIDOB-SWP-FES Dialogue to analyse and discuss the prospects for change and continuity in the relationship between Spain and Germany, their joint action in favour of European integration and their role in European foreign policy. Germany under new political leadership, struggling with the new wave of COVID, is reassessing its priorities in the European Union, which can also affect bilateral relations with Spain. In turn, both countries have common interests and objectives on European integration but do not always agree on the details. Issues such as the Conference on the Future of Europe; the EU fiscal rules; the consolidation of the Hamiltonian moment or the defence of the rule of law within the European Union are examples of shared concerns but with, sometimes, divergent interests. The CIDOB-SWP-FES dialogue will shed light on these debates by bringing together analysts and think tankers from Spain and Germany.

The event will be held under the Chatham House Rule.

Friday, 25th of February 2022

09.15 – 09.30 Welcome
Pol Morillas, Director, CIDOB
Stefan Mair, Director, SWP
Matthias Jobelius, Head of the Department European Union/North America (EUN), FES

09.30 – 09.45 Introductory speeches
Pascual Navarro Ríos, State Secretary for the European Union, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation, Government of Spain
Anna Lührmann, Minister of State for Europe and Climate, German Federal Foreign Office, Government of Germany [video]

09.45 – 10.45 First session: The winding road to the EU strategic autonomy - political and economic aspects
Initial inputs
Carme Colomina, Research Fellow, CIDOB
Roderick Parkes Research Director, DGAP
Christos Katsiouli, Director, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Peace and Security
Pawel Tokarski, Senior Associate, SWP
Moderated by Stefan Mair, Director, SWP

10.45 – 11.00 Break
11.00 – 12.00  **Second session: Germany, Spain and the future of the European integration project**
*Initial inputs*
Kai-Olaf Lang, Senior Fellow, SWP
Ignacio Molina, Senior Analyst, Real Instituto Elcano
Renate Tenbusch, Director, FES EU-Office Brussels, FES
Héctor Sánchez Margalef, Researcher, CIDOB
*Moderated by* Pol Morillas, Director, CIDOB

12.00 – 12.30  **Conclusions**
Pol Morillas, Director, CIDOB
Stefan Mair, Director, SWP
Luise Rürup, Director of the Madrid Office, FES