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Foreword

The information in each profile included in the Index of this publication has been approved by the respective think tank. The authors wish therefore to thank all the think tanks that have participated in our survey for their cooperation.

Due to the limits of space, the selection of European think tanks annexed to the Introduction that follows does not pretend to be exhaustive. Rather, it aims to be representative of the main players in the market of EU policy-related ideas. In an effort to illustrate in broad terms what a European think tank is, this study chose think tanks based in the EU member states and the Brussels 'beltway' according to their visibility, notoriety, reputation and output both in Brussels and at national level, as well as their engagement in more than just one policy field.

In the Introduction of the publication we make it a point to acknowledge the distinctive role that think tanks linked to political parties, university institutes as well as offshoots of US-based think tanks play in Europe. We have not however included these categories in the Index. Those that are close to political parties are obviously more defined by their broader political family. University institutes tend to have a penchant for purely academic research, are not financially or institutionally independent from the *alma mater* that hosts them, and are too numerous to include here. US think tanks, for their part, though consequential on the Brussels scene, cannot be considered European players in their own right: rather they are seen as antennae of their 'home' institution or foundation regardless of their legal status in Europe.

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INTRODUCTION

ommission President Barroso has made it a point to regularly engage with think tanks (ITs), most notably in the preparation of his annual State of the Union speech in the European Parliament, but also by mandating the Bureau of European Policy Advisers (BEPA) to act as their main interlocutor. BEPA has therefore aimed to broaden the understanding of this key constituency among Commission services and contribute to exploring the potential for further synergies between them and European think tanks.

This introduction is intended to illustrate the context and clarify the terms of the survey that BEPA has carried out, as well as to serve as a user's guide for the annexed index of European TTs. More generally, this study seeks to shed light on a phenomenon that has become ever more important in the EU policy debate, namely the role of TTs as opinion-*shapers*, both upstream (vis-à-vis decision-makers) and downstream (vis-à-vis public opinion).

Such interface role is perhaps a European peculiarity, as in the United States the role of TTs is much more geared to directly influencing policy-making at federal level. In the EU they also play an important 'educational' and informative role, especially (but not exclusively) at national level. In particular, those TTs primarily focused on European affairs and EU policies – to which this publication is devoted – have historically been also traditional (if at times critical) supporters of the integration process. In Brussels, as in most EU capitals, it is indeed difficult to find the same breadth of different and even radically opposed positions as in Washington: TTs have tended to be rather 'mainstream' in this respect. Yet all this may be changing now, along with the nature, profile and modus operandi of many TTs.

What this publication intends to show is also the great variety of foci, formats and foundations that

exist across Europe in this domain – a variety that makes it virtually impossible to state in definitive terms what a TT is (and what not). One is indeed tempted to resort to the well-known legal opinion released in 1964 by US Justice Potter Stewart when, to describe his threshold test for pornography, he famously argued: "I know it when I see it".

The 35-odd European TTs annexed to this introduction were chosen on the basis of their notoriety, visibility and output, both in Brussels and at national level, as well as their engagement in more than just one policy field. The selection does not pretend to be exhaustive.1 Rather, representative of the main players in the game/market of EU policyrelated ideas. For the sake of comparison, the index provides a snapshot of the chosen TTs for the year 2010, including their mission statements, specialisation, main sources of funding and core stakeholders/audience. It also tries to highlight both commonalities and differences among European TTs and to show the extent to which the EU matters for them - both as a subject of analysis and as a stakeholder/funder.

What we talk about when we talk about think tanks

The term "think tank" dates back to the 1940s in the United States, when American government elites – borrowing from the military jargon for secure rooms where plans could be discussed – encouraged the establishment of dedicated places ('tanks') to think strategically about the post-war world. The first such place was notably the RAND Corporation, then very close to the Department of War/Defence.²

Yet it can be argued that – apart from the various centres devoted to advocating social 'progress' created at the beginning of the 20th century in both the US and Europe (the London School of

¹ In 2004, Steven Boucher counted as many as 149 think tanks "active on European themes" in the EU, of which only 36 were "euro-specific", i.e. focused on European issues. See S. Boucher (ed.), Europe and its Think Tanks: A Promise to Be Fulfilled, Notre Europe, Paris, Studies and Research, no. 35, October 2004. In 2008, James McGann who runs a "Think Tanks and Civil Societies" programme at the University of Pennsylvania, counted 1208 of them for "Western Europe" and 514 for "Eastern Europe" (though not exclusively devoted to European themes); in 2011, his new grouping "European Union" included a total of 1485. It must be said, however, that McGann's ongoing Global Go-To Think Tanks Report (from which these figures are taken) is based on a slightly superficial compilation of data and names combined with a peer and expert survey by some 1500 experts, 6000 journalists and donors from around the world. It is, in other words, not very rigorous (it includes i.a. party political institutes, university establishments, and NGOs), quite discretional, and also liable to conflicts of interest and even commercial exploitation, especially insofar as it engages in 'ranking' so many different realities. On the other hand, McGann's book on the US think tank world (Think Tanks and Policy Advice in the US: Academics, Advisors and Advocates, New York, Routledge, 2007) is definitely useful.

² See J.A. Smith, *The Idea Brokers: Think Tanks and the Rise of the Policy Elite*, New York, Free Press, 1991. In the 1920s and 1930s, US industrial and financial tycoons (Rockefeller, Brookings, Ford) had already started devoting part of their huge personal fortunes to the creation of large endowments devoted to philanthropic causes and/or funding socially useful scientific research.



Economics was one)³ – it was the Great War that first prompted the creation of independent centres of research to focus on topics of public interest, notably the prevention of future armed conflicts: such were the Royal Institute of International Affairs (Chatham House) in London, the Council on Foreign Relations in New York, and the Institut des Hautes Etudes Internationales (later HEI), established in Geneva in 1927 as an offshoot of the League of Nations.⁴

Later on, terms like "brain trust" or "brain boxes" became quite typical of the Roosevelt era and its vision of public policy. They came back into fashion again during the Kennedy-Johnson years, when the Harvard-trained "eggheads" in the administration were often labelled in the press as "brain bank" or "think factory" – while the term "tank" started hinting also at a public exposure comparable to that of an aquarium or a zoo cage for rare species.⁵

Variously translated into European languages (boîte à/laboratoire d'idées, Denkfabrik, pensatoio), "think tank" is now commonly used in its original version everywhere as a sort of catch-all definition. Yet TTs vary enormously in nature, scope and size, both in Europe and worldwide. If one just takes the city of Washington DC – and in particular the square mile around Dupont Circle – the sheer number and diversity of centres that carry and/or claim that label is startling.⁶ A similar tendency is increasingly visible in Brussels and elsewhere. At the same time, a stringent and agreed definition of what constitutes a 'true' TT is still lacking.

In an index published by *Foreign Policy* magazine in 2009, James McGann distinguished global TTs, more or less arbitrarily, among "policymakers",

"partisans", "phantoms", "scholars" and "activists". Then, no less arbitrarily, he added his own ranking of the top 15 US and 10 non-US think tanks. The first list included such diverse establishments as the Brookings Institution and the Heritage Foundation, the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars and the American Enterprise Institute, the Council on Foreign Relations and Human Rights Watch. The second one ranged from Chatham House to Transparency International, from SIPRI to the Adam Smith Institute.

For his part, in the only serious study undertaken so far on *European* think tanks, Steven Boucher identified nine *criteria* to define a TT. To qualify as such, accordingly, one has to:

- 1. be somewhat permanent;
- 2. specialise in the production of public policy solutions;
- 3. have in-house staff dedicated to research;
- 4. produce ideas, analysis and advice;
- 5. communicate its findings to policy-makers and public opinion;
- 6. not be responsible for government operations;
- 7. maintain research freedom and independence from specific interests;
- 8. not grant degrees or have training as its primary activity;
- 9. seek, explicitly or implicitly, to act in the public interest.8

When trying to categorise European TTs proper into a simplified spectrum, however, Boucher somewhat contradicted at least some of those criteria.

- ³ R. Dahrendorf, *LSE: A History of the London School of Economics and Political Science 1895-1995*, Oxford-London, Oxford UP, 1995. While the LSE was an initiative of the Fabian Society and the fledgling labour movement, the Ecole Libre des Sciences Politiques in Paris (1872-1945) and the Hochschule fuer Politik in Berlin (1920-1933) were private creations of liberal elites trying to reshape a national 'spirit' and consensus after two harsh and painful military defeats (1871 and 1918) by combining training for public service and near-academic policy research. They turned out to be the forerunners, respectively, of Sciences Po in France and the German post-war tradition of party foundations. See G. Vincent, *Sciences Po: histoire d'une réussite*, Paris, Orban, 1987; A. Missiroli, *Die Deutsche Hochschule für Politik*, St. Augustin, Comdok Verlag, 1988.
- ⁴ The Institut für Auswärtige Politik (1923-1933) founded in Hamburg by Albrecht Mendelssohn-Bartholdy, was another (if short-lived) product of the decision taken at the Versailles peace conference to establish such centres, following in the footsteps of Andrew Carnegie and his Endowment for International Peace in Washington (1910).
- ⁵ Smith ... quot. (fn. 2), xiv, 241. On the "eggheads", their vision of the Great Society and their tragic role in the Vietnam war, see D. Halberstam, *The Best and the Brightest*, New York, Random House, 1972. See also, more recently, J. Mann, *The Rise of the Vulcans: The History of Bush's War Cabinet*, New York, Viking Books, 2004; and, by the same author, *The Obamians: The Struggle Inside the White House to Redefine American Power*, New York, Viking Books, 2012.
- ⁶ For a critical survey of the US landscape see A. Rich, *Think Tanks, Public Policy and the Politics of Expertise*, Cambridge-New York, Cambridge UP, 2004; D.E. Abelson, *A Capitol Idea: Think Tanks and US Foreign Policy*, Montreal, McGill-Queen's UP, 2006; and S. Boucher and M. Royo, *Les think tanks: cerveaux de la guerre des idées*, Paris, Editions du Félin, 2006, rev. 3rd edition 2012.
- ⁷ J. McGann, "The Think Tank Index", Foreign Policy, February 2009, 82-84.
- ⁸ Boucher (ed.) ... quot. (fn. 1), 2-4.



Specifically, he highlighted four main types of TTs:

I. academic think tanks (or universities without students);

II. advocacy think tanks (which McGann prefers to call "engagement" TTs);

III. contract research organisations;

IV. political party think tanks.

It is quite clear that types I and III may struggle to meet criteria 2 and 5, while II and especially IV may be seen somewhat more conditioned by 6 and 7. Even the 35-odd TTs considered here may not all meet the nine criteria listed above, while type IV has been preliminarily not included in this survey (along with university centres and institutes). Still, check lists like these help identify the main features of each and every establishment under consideration.

The point is that, especially in Europe, the genesis of what are now commonly called "think tanks" is very heterogeneous across countries and political cultures. Their original traits have often evolved over time and most (if not all) have turned into more or less 'hybrid' constructs that tend to combine elements of the different above-mentioned types.

To start with, there is no such thing as a common or comparable legal status for them across the EU, as situations differ from country to country (associations sans but lucratif in Belgium, foundations, companies, state agencies, grant-making bodies).

Secondly, European TTs serve quite different purposes: some have a quasi-academic profile and public status; others are non-profit organisations or foundations with a more or less pronounced *penchant* for advocacy; some cover a very large thematic ground (generalists) while others are rather specialised (thematically or geographically); some have a predominantly European outlook while others (especially at national level) cover EU-related issues only as part of their overall mission and scope. On top of that, it is certainly not unusual for some TTs to play different roles at different times and in different contexts.

Finally, with regard to their funding, TTs were at first largely dependent on public money, in particular those national think tanks devoted to foreign and international affairs. Today, however, they cannot rely much upon generous private donations (certainly not as much as in the US) and often need to draw on multiple sources: membership fees, sales of publications, sponsorships and donations, (dwindling)

state subsidies, grants and project-related money, including from the EU.

Their evolution over time and their geographical location and reach also matter.

National scenes

What we currently have come to know as European TTs started developing in some key EU countries in the 1970s as centres specialised on international affairs. As such, they normally reflected the different national traditions, attitudes and cultures of the countries they knew best.⁹

Until the 1990s, in fact, 'Europe' was still mainly seen as a matter of either ideology (some TTs were offshoots of the federalist movement) or foreign policy. IFRI, Chatham House, IAI, ISPI, IRRI (later Egmont), Clingendael, ELIAMEP, UI, FIIA, DIIS, in part also DGAP, dealt with EC/EU affairs in that framework – sometimes with a combination of those two approaches – and were often funded by their respective MoFAs.

These think tanks mostly flanked (and were intertwined with) national establishments, and occasionally staged bi- or pluri-national fora to debate strategic or European issues of common interest. Public discussions on economic and social matters were often carried out by other actors and at a predominantly, if not purely, national level.

Today, with an expanding number of new players entering the fray and under the pressure of mounting competition for limited funds, TTs tend to specialise. More thematic/sectoral ones have indeed popped up in some countries, while the more established national TTs maintain some sort of EU research programme', alongside others, and raise funds to that effect (as state/public and MoFA support have declined everywhere) both at national and European level.

They have also become an inevitable passerelle between policy-makers and public opinion. The media have increasingly opened their debates and editorial pages to think tankers and adopted a practice of contacting them for comments on current affairs.

Indeed, most national TTs serve multiple purposes: they inform about the EU, often with a national angle and focus, and they stimulate the policy debate by organising public events and publishing articles and papers. Alongside these quasi-educational functions, some TTs also participate in transnational consortia to animate the discussion, circulate ideas, and also carry out academic-level research on policy issues.

⁹ For an analytical overview, see D. Stone and A. Denham (eds.), *Think Tank Traditions: Policy Research and the Politics of Ideas*, Manchester-New York, Manchester UP, 2004. For a cursory survey of all 27 member states see Boucher ... quot. (fn. 1), 46-77.



As a result, *websites* have become an indispensable tool for intervening in and keeping pace with the wider EU policy debate and for collecting views and analyses from different corners of the Union. In fact, it has become increasingly difficult to monitor all that is being published/uploaded on the web (and BEPA's "Think Tank Twitter", included in its *Monthly Brief*, is meant precisely to help do that). In some cases – notably those of established national TTs – the use of the web has come to the detriment of long-standing and prestigious printed periodicals such as *International Affairs*, *Politique Etrangère*, *Internationale Politik*, *Integration* or *The International Spectator*.

On the other hand, the growing use of and access to IT tools and online media have somewhat lowered the threshold for entering the public policy debate and allowed in players (e.g. grant-making institutions and foundations) that, in principle, should play a different role on the marketplace of ideas. This, too, has contributed to blurring the once clearer dividing lines between "think tanks" proper and other establishments.

Transnational networks

As already mentioned, some of these national think tanks – e.g. IAI, IEP, Clingendael, along with the London-based Federal Trust – were initially also markedly influenced by European federalists. In 1974 they joined forces and established TEPSA (Trans-European Policy Studies Association) as an international association under Belgian law, the first ever TT network at pan-European level, with an office in Brussels, based on a strict one-centre-permember-state rule [www.tepsa.eu].

EuroMeSCo (Euro-Mediterranean Study Commission), set up in 1996 in the wake of the Barcelona Conference, has long been the main network of research centres on politics and security in the Mediterranean [www.euromesco.net].

In the late 1990s, EPIN (European Policy Institutes Network) was set up on the initiative of CEPS with the twin purpose of integrating/socialising new centres especially from the EU-10, where the TT landscape was still relatively weak, fragmented and fluid, and bidding collectively for funds from the EU's Framework Programme [www.epin.org].

In 2000, CEPS also promoted the creation of the European Network of Economic Policy Research Institutes (ENEPRI) that brings together 23 leading research-oriented centres from a majority of EU member states with the goal of circulating relevant work, coordinating plans, carrying out joint projects and raising public awareness [www.enepri.org].

Furthermore, since 2007, Notre Europe has coordinated an annual cooperative effort among TTs from different countries, including Brussels-based ones, labelled TGAE (Think Global – Act European). It has so far produced three multi-authored reports collecting papers from various European TTs addressed to each forthcoming 'trio' of EU presidencies, and three editions (2008, 2011 and 2011) of its European Forum of Think Tanks.

Last but not least, since January 2010 all Brussels-based TTs have organised an annual Think Tank Dialogue (TTD) devoted to assessing the "State of the Union" in which they submit their analytical papers and policy recommendations to EU top leaders. Participation in the TTD is open also to all those national think tanks that wish to contribute.

The Brussels scene

The more traditional and better established TTs in Brussels (CEPS, EPC, Friends of Europe) were all founded in the 'golden age' of European integration, namely between the mid-1980s and the late 1990s. At their origin were European officials (including former Commission senior figures), businessmen (especially from the six founding member states) and journalists (notably former British correspondents covering the EC). They are all 'generalist' TTs, exclusively focused on EU affairs, and with a broad pro-integration bias – although arguably CEPS is more research-oriented, Friends of Europe (FoE) almost exclusively focused on fostering debate¹⁰, and EPC somewhere in-between.

Over the past decade, following also the EU's expansion (both functional and geographic), new players have joined the Brussels scene. To start with, many American TTs and/or organisations have set foot in town: the German Marshall Fund, the International Crisis Group, the East-West Institute, and the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.¹¹

¹¹To these one could add RAND Europe, first based in Leiden and then in Cambridge, and the network of national Aspen Institutes across the EU. The GMF has also offices and 'antennae' in various EU capitals, from Berlin to Warsaw, from Paris to Bucharest, from Bratislava to Stockholm and Turin – let alone Belgrade and Ankara. Conversely, the London-based International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS) has a predominantly transatlantic and increasingly global focus (with offices in Washington, Singapore and Bahrain) and rarely deals with EU affairs proper.



¹⁰ Closely connected (also physically) with FoE is the Security & Defence Agenda (SDA), founded in 2002 as a forum for debating security issues relevant to both the EU and NATO. It is more a platform than a think tank proper, while FoE likes also to be seen as such.

The Lisbon Council and BRUEGEL have also been set up lately, both with a strong focus on economic issues – the former leaning more towards policy advocacy of the growth agenda, and the latter more towards policy analysis and research. The European Centre for International Political Economy (ECIPE), created in 2006, deals exclusively with trade policy, is more global than European in outlook, and is an outspoken advocate of free trade.

For their part, some national TTs have also opened 'antennae' in Brussels: the Gütersloh-based Bertelsmann Foundation, the Berlin-based SWP, the London-based CER, the Paris-based IFRI and Robert Schuman Foundation, the Madrid-based FRIDE and, in conjunction with Poland's Presidency of the Council, the Warsaw-based Centre for Eastern Studies (OSW) and Institute of Public Affairs (ISP). The most recent arrival in town is the London-based "Open Europe" think tank, which may also be seen as a harbinger of a less consensual debate on (and less mainstream approach to) European integration.

Conversely, while the Belgian Egmont (formerly IRRI) is a somewhat 'double-hatted' institute (national and Brussels-centred), the Paris-based Notre Europe is normally considered also part of the Brussels TT *milien* for its exclusive focus on EU matters.

In the meantime, the 'family' of organisations supported by George Soros has continued to grow: his US-based OSI (primarily a grant-making institution) has opened an office in Brussels. Moreover, Prague-based EUROPEUM, the European Stability Initiative (that deals primarily with EU candidate countries) and especially the European Council on Foreign Relations (London-based but present in other EU capitals) – all significantly, at least at the outset, reliant on OSI seed money – have gained weight and raised their profile in the wider policy debate.¹²

Last but not least, the 'euro-parties' in the European Parliament have launched their own TTs, starting with Centre for European Studies (CES) and the Foundation for European Progressive Studies (FEPS) – to which, of course, one should add the offices of the German party foundations, some of

which (the Konrad-Adenauer- and the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung) are old timers in town.

It is legitimate, in other words, to talk of a fledgling pan-European TT environment and debate. Think tanks are increasingly interested in feeding into the EU agenda and feeding back the EU agenda into national policies, while also being present across the continent, especially (but not exclusively) in Brussels. The recent booming and blooming of the Brussels TT scene, in particular, is certainly due to the increasing importance of the EU capital as a hub for policy-shaping in a growing number of areas – and this study does not take into consideration the numerous consultancies that often act as close relatives of TTs and/or compete in the same 'market'. ¹³

Insofar as think tanks intend to raise awareness, animate and influence debates, support causes and propose solutions on issues that fall within the remit of EU institutions, Brussels is indeed the place to be. But it is also essential for fundraising and networking purposes. The concentration of diplomats, officials officers, including from parliamentarians, business representatives lobbyists - not to mention the media and their multiplier effect - is unique for the European continent. This situation compares only Washington, adding a sort of 'beltway' feeling and flavour to many debates and initiatives taking place in Brussels.14

All these factors further contribute to the multifunctional profile that TTs have to develop in order to thrive and have an impact, both locally and globally. As Hugo Brady (CER, Brussels) brilliantly put it, the quintessential think tanker in town must be able to "think like an academic, act like a diplomat, and write like a journalist".

What about the EU?

The Commission supports the work of European TTs in a variety of ways, as the profiles in the index also demonstrate. First and foremost, funding is available through its Framework Programme, based on the quality of their research, networking ability, and as of the latest FP-7, emphasis on the policy relevance of the output. Secondly, via the (more recent) "Europe for Citizens" programme, open also

¹⁴ For a punctual comparison see C. Mahoney, *Brussels versus the Beltway: Advocacy in the United States and the European Union*, Washington, Georgetown UP, 2008.



¹² The Open Society Institute group has also formed its own networks, most notably the Policy Association for an Open Society (PASOS) that supports the development and strengthens the outreach capacity of its 56 members with the goal of ensuring that the lessons of transition are understood, shared and applied – especially in the areas of democracy and human rights, good governance and open economy, sustainable development and international cooperation [www.pasos.org].

¹³ "The Centre" has long been the most important one in this respect by calling itself a "think-do tank" and publishing the widely read periodical *e-Sharp*.

to various NGOs and associations; and thirdly, through specific short-term contracts awarded by individual Directorates-General, not unlike what other EU institutions also do.

This has little to do, in principle, with the willingness and ability of each and every EU institutions to build, maintain and develop an in-house capacity for policy analysis and review, strategic planning and foresight. Partially 'outsourcing' that, however, may be considered a perfectly rational and functional choice as well as a broader outreach and public diplomacy endeavour. Yet it certainly shows that there is no one-size-fits-all approach to (and appreciation of) these crucial European *opinion*-shapers.

The multiplication and diversification of TTs across Europe, in fact, has made it also increasingly difficult to identify and classify – let alone relate to – them. This has gone hand-in-hand with calls for more transparency in how EU institutions engage with external stakeholders. At some point in time, the debate centred mostly on whether TTs should sign up to the lobby register launched by the European Commission in June 2008.¹⁵

The joint "Transparency Register" stems from an old idea ingrained in the EU treaties, which stipulate that, in order to promote good governance and ensure civil society participation, the EU institutions, bodies, offices and agencies should conduct their work as openly as possible, and that decisions be taken as openly and directly as possible with the citizens. In this context, the new register aims to provide a 'one-stop-shop' system that is simple and user-friendly both for those wanting to register and for those willing to check and verify the information.

The "Transparency Register" is also not an entirely new initiative. It grew out of Commission VP Siim Kallas' European Transparency Initiative (ETI) in 2005, which led to the establishment of a "Register of Interest Representatives" in 2008. However, not only was its name negatively perceived, it was also associated exclusively with lobbying activities, which prevented a number of TTs from registering. In parallel, the European Parliament had its own register – dating from 1996 – which suffered from widespread criticism from democracy campaigners

for the allegedly questionable accuracy of the information contained within it.

Taking into account these limitations, a review process was launched in December 2008. Following in a high-level extended negotiations institutional working group and European Parliament approval in May 2011, the new joint EP/ EC "Transparency Register" was launched on 23 June 2011, replacing the two previous ones. The scope of this register covers all activities "carried out with the objective of directly or indirectly influencing the formulation or implementation of policy and the decision-making processes of the EU institutions, irrespective of the channel or medium communication used - for example outsourcing, media, contracts with professional intermediaries, think tanks, platforms, forums, campaigns and grassroots initiatives". 16 And, in line with requests from TTs themselves, a separate category has been created for "think tanks", setting them clearly apart from "public affairs professionals" and direct corporate interest representation.¹⁷

The new register thus aims to provide information on all those seeking to gain influence over European policy. By registering, organisations or individuals agree to make public not only basic information about themselves but also details on their activities in the EU institutions, the number of people involved as well as relevant financial figures. Registrants also agree to abide by a code of conduct including a commitment to provide accurate and up-to-date information (and rules to this effect have been significantly tightened, with new staff assigned to monitor foul play). As a result, organisations listed in the "Transparency Register" could benefit from better access to policy-makers: while registration is not mandatory, it is necessary to obtain an access card to the European Parliament's premises.

The new register and the new rules have been well received by most stakeholders, including the TT community. On its first anniversary, on 23 June 2012, 5,150 interest groups were listed. Nonetheless, some concerns remain. A report released by the protransparency group Alter-EU suggests that the voluntary register is failing to give a complete picture of lobbying in Brussels since a number of lobby

¹⁷ The "Transparency Register" can be consulted at www.europa.eu/transparency-register/index_en.htm While the participation of the Council in the joint "Transparency Register" is still under consideration for the future, it has accepted to nominate an observer from its General Secretariat to take part in the weekly meetings of the register's secretariat.



¹⁵ See "The Changing Face of European Think Tanks", EurActiv, 26 February 2009, updated 9 April 2010.

¹⁶ "IV. Scope of the Register" of the "Agreement between the European Parliament and the European Commission on the establishment of a transparency register for organisations and self-employed individuals engaged in EU policy-making and policy implementation", OJ L191, 30. [available at www.eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do? uri=OJ:L:2011:191:0029:0038:EN:PDF]

groups – including i.a. law firms – have not joined the "Transparency Register". ¹⁸ Even some TTs are missing from the list. Still, the two-year review process planned for 23 June 2013 is expected to provide the opportunity for addressing pending matters.

Conclusions

Taken as a whole, European TTs are becoming, especially through their networks and websites, the closest thing to a fledgling common European "public sphere" — rather than an "epistemic community" ostricto sensu — albeit within the realm of a selected (yet quintessentially open) sample of engaged and educated citizens. Indeed, they shape both expectations and perceptions regarding EU policies, with increasing access to old and new media at national, continental and international level. Yet, they also start representing a significant basin for the recruitment of policy-shapers proper — a phenomenon that is becoming ever more apparent in some countries as well as within the EU institutions themselves.

Europe is still far from the American "revolving doors" tradition, or rather practice, whereby think tankers and academics easily move in and out of government jobs as administrations come and go, and each time they move up (at least) one notch. European public administrations and political career patterns are still quite different – not only from the US but also from one another – and rarely show anything remotely comparable to the American "spoils system".

But if something has changed in this respect in virtually all EU countries over the past few years, it is precisely the growing presence and impact of dedicated policy advisers coming from outside the traditional party and state structures – a trend that may reflect, in part, the ever greater importance of communication in policy formulation, but in part also the increasing difficulty of those traditional structures to produce policy innovation. Think tankers of the multi-functional, triple-hatted type described above fit very well the professional profile required to fill these gaps.

The wider European TT landscape, therefore, is now a force to be reckoned with, and one that is evolving very rapidly. The arrival of new players on the EU bloc has affected the policy debate and added new voices that serve also as feelers in (and relays to) EU and world capitals. At national level, processes of consolidation and adaptation go hand in hand with new initiatives, often prompted by the need to make other voices heard and to connect with the broader continental policy debate.

More generally, TTs are diversifying their operations and/or searching for thematic niches, in part reflecting also the growing variety and complexity of EU policies. As a result, it is increasingly difficult to remain a 'generalist' think tank, or just a think tank in traditional terms. The funding structure of individual TTs is also changing quickly, and the ongoing financial and economic crisis is taking its toll on both the public and the private donors' side.

In terms of size, staff, or budget, Europe does not have the equivalents of Brookings, CSIS, Carnegie or RAND. Neither does it have, however, the equivalents of the smaller and highly *partisan* TTs that populate the Washington 'beltway', although it does have *militant* ones that focus almost exclusively on one or the other EU policy and pursue a specific agenda.

The actual influence of continental think tanks remains difficult to measure, especially in general and absolute terms, as well as to translate into any kind of ranking. Nonetheless, although they are not becoming any bigger, European TTs are certainly becoming more numerous, more widespread and more influential.

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¹⁸ See *Dodgy Data: Time to Fix the EU's Transparency Register, Brussels, Alliance for Lobby Transparency and Ethics Regulation (ALTER-EU), June 2012 [available at www.alter-eu.org].*

¹⁹ H. Ullrich, European Union Think Tanks: Generating Ideas, Analysis, and Debate, in Stone, Denham ... quot. (fn. 9), 51-68. For the notion of "epistemic community", see P. Haas, "Introduction", International Organization, 46, no. 1, 187-224.

²⁰ On TTs and the "public sphere", see L. Barani, A Policy-based European Public Sphere: The Underpinnings of the Europe of Experts, in L. Morganti and L. Bekemans (eds.), *The European Public Sphere – From Critical Thinking to Responsible Action*, Brussels, Peter Lang, forthcoming 2012. Also see, C. Bee and E. Bozini, *Mapping the European Public Sphere*, London, Ashgate, 2010.

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Brussels-based Think Tanks:

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EUROPEUM Institute for European Policy, Prague

Danish Institute of International Studies (DIIS), Copenhagen

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Fondation Robert Schuman, Paris

Notre Europe, Paris

Institut Français des Relations Internationales (IFRI), Paris

European Stability Initiative (ESI), Berlin

Institut für Europäische Politik (IEP), Berlin

Bertelsmann Stiftung, Gütersloh

Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik (SWP), Berlin

Deutsche Gesellschaft für Auswärtige Politik (DGAP), Berlin

Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy (ELIAMEP), Athens

Institute for International and European Affairs (IIEA), Dublin

Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI), Rome

Istituto per gli Studi di Politica Internazionale (ISPI), Milan

Netherlands Institute of International Relations - Clingendael, The Hague

Institute of Public Affairs, Warsaw

Polish Institute of International Affairs (PISM), Warsaw

demosEUROPA, Warsaw

Instituto de Estudos Estratégicos e Internacionais (IEEI), Lisbon

Slovak Foreign Policy Association, Bratislava

Barcelona Centre for International Affairs (CIDOB), Barcelona

Fundación para las Relaciones Internacionales y el Diálogo Exterior (FRIDE), Madrid

Fundación Real Instituto Elcano, Madrid

Swedish Institute of International Affairs (UI), Stockholm

Swedish Institute for European Studies (SIEPS), Stockholm

Centre for European Reform (CER), London

Chatham House, London

European Council on Foreign Relations (ECFR), London



²¹ Listed in alphabetical order of the countries where the headquarters/seat of the organisation is located.

	Mission statement	Activities	Specialisations	Funding (2010)	EU Funding (2010)	Stakeholders/ Audience
CENTRE FOR EUROPEAN POLICY STUDIES (CEPS) Brussels Legal Status Association Internationale Sans But Lucratif (Under Belgian Law) Key Features Founded in 1983; strong in-house research capacity and extensive network of partner institutes Transparency register Yes Membership of European Consortiums TGAE EPIN ENEPRI (initiator)	Motto: "Thinking Ahead for Europe" "To conduct state-of the-art policy research leading to innovative solutions to the challenges facing Europe" "To achieve high standards of academic excellence and maintain unqualified independence" "To provide a forum for discussion among all stakeholders in the European policy process" "To build collaborative networks of researchers, policy-makers and business representatives across the whole of Europe" "To disseminate our findings and views through a regular flow of publications and public events"	Research: - Agriculture & Rural Policy - Economic Policy - Energy & Climate Change - EU Neighborhood, Foreign & Security Policy - Financial Markets & Institutions - Justice & Home Affairs - Politics & Institutions - Regulatory Policy - Social Welfare Policy - Trade Developments & Policy - Trade Developments - Policy briefs - Working documents - Task force reports - Paperbacks - Monthly newsletter - Special reports - Monthly newsletter - Statistical packages Events: - Seminars - Workshops - Lunchtime Meeting series - Conferences - Task forces to assess EU policies and formulate recommendations	EU internal and external policies Macroeconomic policy (EMU) and Financial Markets Institutional issues	Total revenue: above €6 million Research-related income and grants: +50% Memberships: +/- 20% Project partnerships: +/- 20% Grants from the EU: 2%	Europe for citizens: €139,634 FP7: CEPS is part of several EU research networks: - ANCIEN - Factor Markets - MEDPRO - NEUJOBS - RELIGARE - INNODRIVE - SERVICEGAP - INDICSER - BLUE-ETS - FUME - MICROCON - INCLUD-ED - ENACT - INEX - EXACT European Parliament, European Economic and Social Committee, Committee of Regions, Fundamental Rights Agency	Institutional members: EU Officials (de jure), Permanent Representations, Diplomatic Missions of third countries, academics and trade associations Corporate members: representatives of the following industries: financial services, energy, telecommunications, public affairs, automotive, legal services and consumer goods



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THE LISBON COUNCIL FOR ECONOMIC	Committed to "defining and articulating	Publications - Policy briefs (25-70 pages)	Innovation Growth	Total revenue: more than €800,000	Europe for citizens: €200,000	Economists and thinkers
COMPETITIVENESS AND SOCIAL	mature, holistic and evidence- based strategies	- Euro Plus Monitor Competitiveness Ranking (about 70 pages)	Economic Governance	Corporate funding: +50%	FP7 : - PROGRESS: €130,000	Public figures/ officials
RENEWAL Brussels	for managing current and future challenges"	- Interactive e-briefs (10- 30 pages) - Annual Report	Competitiveness			Entrepreneurs and Innovators
Legal Status Association	Serves as an "incubator for	- Newsletter (twice a year) Events	Europe 2020 Digital Europe			NGO leaders Business strategists
Internationale Sans But Lucratif (Under Belgian Law)	novel ideas that offer new approaches to key challenges"	 Annual Founding Fathers Lectures Series of lectures within thematic "Initiatives", 	Eco-innovation Social inclusion,			Opinion makers and journalists
Key Features Founded in 2003 in Belgium; "a think tank		such as Digital Agenda, Europe 2020, Innovation, Competitiveness, Skills	education, human capital and skills			
for the 21st century" Transparency register		and Human Capital, Entrepreneurship and Government	Entrepreneurship			
Yes		Transformation Centres of Excellence				
Membership of European Consortiums No		- Single Market Entrepreneurs (SME) Centre - European Centre for Government Transformation - StartUp Europe (from 2013) - Gan Zhao Li Centre for Innovation and Sino- European Studies (from 2013)				



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EUROPEAN POLICY CENTRE (EPC) Brussels Legal Status Association Internationale Sans But Lucratif (under Belgian law) Key Features Founded in 1996 Transparency register Yes Membership of European Consortiums TGAE	"committed to make European integration work" "providing its members and the wider public with rapid, high-quality information and analysis" on European and global policymaking "aims to promote a balanced dialogue between the different constituencies of its membership"	Research: four flagship programmes: 1) European Politics and Institutions 2) European Migration and Diversity 3) Europe's Political Economy 4) Europe in the world Publications: - Working papers (60-200 pages, ISSN) - Issue papers - Shorter policy briefs (4 pages) - Commentaries (2 pages) - Newsletter - Annual report - Journal Challenge Europe Events: - Policy dialogues - Briefings - Seminars - Conferences	EU macroeconomics EU external action EU relations with the Western Balkans EU relations with the European neighbourhood EU migration policy	Total revenue: +/- €2,500,000 Untied funding: 73% Funding tied to specific activities: 27% 2 strategic partners (Compania di San Paolo and King Baudouin Foundation): 33% Membership fees: 30% Contributions of at least €5,000 from private and public organisations: +/- €500,000 Project-based funding (Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation, in support of the "Europe in the World" Programme): €100,000	Europe for Citizens: €121,891 DG Employment (Well-being 2030 project): €100,000	Members: +/- 400 Corporate members: 74 Professional and business associations: 78 Diplomatic, governmental and intergovernmental organisations: 125 Foundations: 26 NGOs: 46 Regional Bodies and Authorities: 40 Religious Organisations: 6



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BRUEGEL Brussels Legal Status AISBL (Belgian law) Key Features Established in 2005, Franco-German initiative Transparency register Yes Member of European Consortiums No	"contribute to European and global economic policy- making through open, fact-based and policy- relevant research, analysis and debate"	Research: 1) European Macroeconomics 2) Finance and Financial Regulation 3) Global Economics and Governance 4) Competition, Innovation and Sustainable Growth Publications: - Blueprints - Books - Essays and lectures - External publications - Opinion pieces and columns - Policy briefs and contributions - Videos - Blogs - Working papers G20 Monitor: forum of discussion specifically dedicated to the G20 Events: - Breakfast lunches and dinner talks - Debates - Seminars - Conferences - External meetings and Bruegel annual meeting - Asia Europe Economic Forum	Economic policy Financial regulation Global economic governance	Total revenue: +/- €4 million Subscriptions – State Members: above 50% Subscriptions – Corporate Members: +/- 20% Project-based funding: mainly EU FP7 project Other: subscriptions from institutional members	FP7: EFIGE: €1,069,897 DG RELEX: - TRAREL: €13,146 - EURO@10: €29,111 European Climate Foundation: €27,480 EP ECON Committee: €20,200	Cooperate Members: major EU and US companies State Members: +/- 18 EU member states Institutional Members: EIB, EBRD, Banque de France, Denmarksnationalbank, Central Bank of Poland, Caisse des Dépôts



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FRIENDS OF EUROPE Brussels Legal Status Association Sans But Lucratif (Under Belgian Law) Key Features Established in 1999 Transparency register Yes Membership of European Consortiums Think Tank Europe, a network of think tanks, universities led by Europe's World (founding member)	To stimulate thinking on the future of the EU and the challenges facing its citizens, confront ideas and to encourage wider interest in Europe's future	Organisation of various forums and public debates on EUrelated themes Publication of reports and policy briefings Co-founder of Europe's World, a widely read and distributed policy journal	Global Europe International Development Asia Greening Europe The future of Europe Communicating Europe Competitive Europe Life quality Europe	Total revenue: +/- €2.17 million Corporate funding (companies and trade associations): +/- 51% Private non- corporate (foundations, other think thanks, NGOs, etc.): +/- 20% European and international institutions (EU, OECD, IMF, World Bank, etc.): 18.5% Diplomatic missions, national, regional and local authorities: 10.5%	Europe for citizens: €191,635 FP7: Understanding China Programme	"a neutral platform to people from all backgrounds and opinion" EU and non-EU governments EU institutions International bodies NGOs Major European and global companies Trade associations Think tanks and research institutes Leading media



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EGMONT – ROYAL INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS Brussels Legal Status Fondation d'utilité publique (Belgian law) Key features Founded in 1947, independent academic institution Transparency register No, and not envisaged Membership of European Consortiums EuroMeSCo EPIN TGAE	It provides analysis and suggests international policy options on issues relevant to Belgium and to the EU, which are meant to be as operational as possible It has also to contribute to the awareness of the Belgian public opinion on these issues	Research: 3 programmes: 1) Africa 2) European Affairs 3) Europe in the World Training: - Train Belgian civil servants on multilateral operations - Diplomatic training on EU and International security issues - Provide Belgian high school information Publications: - Egmont Papers - Studia Diplomatica (quarterly, also known as the Brussels Journal of International Relations) - Africa Policy Briefs - Security Policy Briefs - EU affairs policy briefs - Commentaries, press releases and books Events: - Conferences - Book presentations - Roundtables - Seminars - Training (workshops, debates, group workpresentations, simulation exercises)	- International security issues in sub-Saharan and in central Africa - EU integration process & EU horizontal issues - International security, EU strategic Partnerships & neighbourhoord policies, CFSP & CSDP	Total revenue: +/- €1,839,000 Main subsidy from the Belgian federal MoFA: €1,143,000 Brussels and Flanders regions for employment purposes: €145,000 Project-based funding: €430,000 Donations: €31,000 Incomes from publications and membership fees: €46,000 Miscellaneous (arrears from 2009): €44,000	FP7: - SANDERA (until 2010) - MULTIPART (until 2010)	Key stakeholders: Belgian Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs Targeted audience: Belgian foreign policy community and citizens EU and EU member state think tanks Academic experts and experts from the European Commission or from other national or international institutions



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CENTRE FOR LIBERAL STRATEGIES (CLS) Sofia Legal Status Non-profit organisation acting in public benefit Key Features Created in 1994 Transparency register No, but envisaged Membership of European Consortiums EPIN	"pursues academic depth while at the same time reacting to the current problems of the political, economic and social life in Bulgaria and taking into account the context of today's global world"	Research projects: Involvement in research projects coordinated by other institutes or think tanks Publications: - Foreign Policy Bulgaria (bimonthly journal) - Books - Papers Events: - Conferences: roundtables on current issues - Lectures by external speakers - Economic history seminar - Memorial lectures	Democratisation of post-communist countries Economic transition to market economy EU-Russian relations	Total revenue: +/- €600,000 Bulgarian institutions Foreign embassies in Bulgaria (UK, Austria) Foundations and grant-making institutes: e.g. Open Society Institute/ Soros Foundation (OSI), Robert Bosch Foundation, Balkan Trust for Democracy, German Marshall Fund of US, CEE Trust	FP7: - MEDIADEM (2010-2012, 14 partner institutions, focus on national media regulation): €2,065,000	Brussels: working with CEPS and Open Society Institute/ Soros Foundation (OSI); wish to reinforce outreach and presence



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EUROPEUM INSTITUTE FOR EUROPEAN POLICY Prague Legal Status Civic, non-profit organisation Key features Leading independent think tank in the Czech Republic Transparency register No Membership of European Consortiums EPIN	"to contribute to a long-lasting development of democracy, security, stability, freedom and solidarity across Europe" "EUROPEUM formulates opinions and offers alternatives to internal reforms in the CR with a view of ensuring her full-fledged membership and respected position in the European Union"	Research: 6 programmes: 1) EU Politics & Institutions 2) EU Policies & Budget 3) Global Europe 4) EU Enlargement & ENP 5) Democratisation & Transformation Cooperation 6) Freedom, Security & Justice Publications: - Integrace magazine - Books/compilation of articles on areas of specialisation - Policy briefs and policy papers - Research papers - Newsletter Projects: in cooperation with other research institutes and think tanks (duration: 3 months to 1 year) Events: - Conferences - Roundtables - Seminars on EU for wider public - Trainings - European Summer School Future EU Leaders' Academy	Evolution of EU policies General political and institutional issues Citizenship & democracy within the EU EU external action Enlargement EU economic policy Regional and structural policy Democracy assistance, transformation cooperation	Total revenue: €255,800 MoFA: €64,000 European Commission: €67,000 Project-based funding: - CEE Trust (2010): €35,000 - Open Society Fund (2010): €16,000 - National Endowment for Democracy: €1,800 - Heinrich Boell Stiftung: €12,900 Self-generated income: € 59,100	European Commission: €67,000 [Europe for Citizens (2011): €75,000 EC Representation Prague (2011): €10,000]	Within Czech Republic, the EU and European Neighborhood: Policy-makers Journalists Academics and experts NGOs Public administration (Training) University and secondary school students, officials in the Czech administration (Public seminars): general public Member of the Policy Association for an Open Society (PASOS)



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DANISH INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES (DIIS) Copenhagen Legal Status Self-governing governmental research institute, non-profit Key Features Established by an act of Danish Parliament in 2002 Transparency register No, and not envisaged Membership of European Consortiums TEPSA EuroMeSCo EPIN	"research, analysis and information activities in Denmark in the area of international affairs, and comprising foreign affairs, security and development policy, conflict, Holocaust, genocide and politically motivated mass atrocities"	Research: 8 programmes: 1) Defence and security 2) Foreign policy and EU studies 3) Global economy regulation and development 4) Holocaust and genocide 5) Migration 6) Natural resources and poverty 7) Politics and development 8) The Middle East Publications: - Briefs - Working papers (25+pages) - Reports - Books and book chapters Events: - Seminars - Film screenings	EU foreign policy Sub-Sahara Africa Middle East Mass atrocities Agriculture and development Migration between EU and Africa Security and conflict	Total revenue: €9.9 million Core grant: Danish State €5.2 million = 53% Allocated grants for specified research activities: €1.5 million Income-generating research activities: €2.2 million Consultancies: €0.1 million Other grant-financed activities: €1 million	Total EU funding: €0.4 million FP7: - PALMS (Palm Harvest Impacts on Tropical Forests) - SEAT (Sustaining Ethical Agriculture Trade): €0.1 million ACP EDULINK: research network in Sub-Saharia Africa: €0.3 million	Researchers Postgraduate students Decision makers NGOs Journalists General public



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ESTONIAN FOREIGN POLICY INSTITUTE (EVI) Tallinn Legal Status Independent, non- profit, partly publicly supported foundation Key Features Founded in 2000 Transparency register No Membership of European Consortiums TEPSA	"Promote a deeper understanding of international affairs and of Estonia's role in a changing world by providing a forum for informed discussion, analysis and debate"	Publications: 2 publications a year (a yearbook is published every year) Events: - Public lectures - Seminars - Conferences (plus 3-4 big conferences per year with TEPSA) Commentaries to the media	Regional security European Union integration and enlargement Developments in Russia	Total revenue: €150,000 Strategic partners: Estonian MoFA: 90% Project-based funding: 10%	No EU funding	Politicians, diplomats and government officials Academics and students Media



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FINNISH INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS (FIIA) Helsinki Legal Status "Independent public research body" Key Features Established by the Parliament of Finland in its centennial plenum in June 2006 Transparency register No, but envisaged Membership of European Consortiums TEPSA EuroMeSCo EPIN	"to produce high quality, topical information on international relations and the EU" "to combine academic and policy-relevant research [] in areas that are particularly relevant to Finland, the EU and international organisations"	Research: 3 programmes: 1) EU (internal/external) 2) EU's Eastern Neighbourhood and Russia 3) Global Security Publications: - Reports - FIIA comments/columns - Briefing papers - Working papers - Finnish Journal of Foreign Affairs - News Events: - Conferences - Seminars - Debates	EU policies Baltic region Defence and security Peace mediation EU-Russia	Total revenue: €3.6 million Parliament: 88% Outside project funding (Academy of Finland, BONUS, EEIG, Finnish MoFA): 10% Journal subscriptions and advertisements: 1.5%	Total EU funding: €15,373 EXACT Programme Marie Curie Initial Training Network	Academic community Decision-makers Key players and actors in foreign and security policy decision-making: parliamentary committees, NGOs, etc. Wider public



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FONDATION ROBERT SCHUMAN Paris & Brussels Legal Status Fondation reconnue d'utilité publique Key Features Founded in 1991 in Paris Transparency register Yes Membership of European Consortiums No	"maintaining the spirit and inspiration of one of the 'Founder Fathers' of Europe and [] promoting European values and ideals both within the Union's frontiers as well as beyond" Research Center on European policies	Publications: - Annual Schuman Report on Europe - State of the Union - Books - Weekly newsletter (200,000 subscribers, 5 languages) - Weekly Policy papers - European issues - Strategic paper European Elections Monitor - Notes - Collection of European Interview Events: - Conferences - Workshops - Debates - Training Pro-EU advocacy: supports the creation of European information centres, partnership with the main French publishing houses	EU internal policies and institutional debate EU economics Human rights and migration Foreign policy, EU relations with neighbours	Total revenue: €2.1 million French government and Parliament: +/- 60% Private donations: corporate, individual	Total EU funding: €269,393 Europe for Citizens: €134,114 DG JUST (Criminal Justice Programme): €135,279	Decision makers (politics, economy, media, etc.) Academics and students Wider public



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Paris Legal Status Association Loi 1901 (non-profit) Key Features Founded in 1996 by Jacques Delors; Antonio Vitorino President since 2011 Transparency register No, not decided yet Membership of European Consortiums EPIN TGAE (initiator) European Forum of Think Tanks (initiator)	"Produce analysis and policy proposals that strive for an ever closer union of the peoples of Europe" "Bring these analyses and proposals to the attention of decision makers and opinion leaders" "Promote the active engagement of citizens and civil society in the process of community construction and the creation of a European public space"	Research: 3 axis: 1) European Union and citizens 2) Competition, Cooperation, Solidarity 3) European external actions Publications: - Studies and reports - Policy papers - Tribunes - Synthesis Events: - Public debates - Seminars - Conferences - Workshops Public advocacy: "the President, the Board and the team take positions on issues judged to be vital to the future of the EU"	EU institutions, European democracy and elections, European parties and Parliaments, European identities, Mobility Internal policies: Economic and monetary union, Cohesion, CAP, Energy, European Budget, internal market Think global – Act European EU and its neighbours Regional integrations	Total Revenue: €1,412,000 European Commission: +/- 40% French government: +/- 20% Partnerships (Compagnia di San Paolo, MACIF): +/- 20% Subscriptions: less than 10%	Europe for citizens: €631,912	European and national decision-makers Think tanks European economic and social actors Civil society, European citizens Academics



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INSTITUT FRANÇAIS DES RELATIONS INTERNATIONALES (IFRI) Paris & Brussels Legal Status Association reconnue d'utilité publique Key Features Founded in 1979, politically independent Transparency register No, but envisaged Membership of European Consortiums EPIN	" to produce policy-oriented research on pressing international issues and the emergence of major global trends, and spark discussion between policymakers, researchers, and other leaders on both a domestic and international level"	Research: 15 regional and cross-cutting programmes: 1) Asia 2) Migration and Citizenship 3) Economy 4) Energy 5) Franco-German Relations 6) Health 7) Middle East & North Africa 8) Russia/NIS 9) Security & Defence 10) European Questions 11) Central and South-East Europe 12) Space 13) Sub-Saharan Africa 14) Turkey 15) United States 16) Global Governance Publications: - Ramses (Rapport annuel mondial sur le système économique et les stratégies) - Politique étrangère (quarterly journal) - Books - e-news - Notes Events: debates, dinners and luncheons, conferences, seminars Special event: World Policy Conference (since 2008, yearly)	International relations French and EU external action Security and Defence Franco-German relations Transatlantic relations	Total revenue: above €6.5 million Private sources: 70% French government: 25% Remaining amount from various sources	No EU funding [Europe for Citizens (2011): €100,000]	Partners: Corporations (French and foreign corporations) Embassies (worldwide) and member organisations Think tanks partners (worldwide) Audience: Politicians Civil society Academia General public



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EUROPEAN STABILITY INITIATIVE (ESI) Berlin & Istanbul, Brussels (Present in 10 countries) Legal status Non-profit association (Germany) Key features Founded in 1999 in Sarajevo by a group of policy analysts with extensive experience in the Western Balkans Transparency register No, but envisaged Membership of European Consortiums No	Provide policy-makers with strategic analysis and policy recommendations in relation to promoting stability and prosperity in South Eastern Europe, Turkey and the Caucasus	Publications: - Policy reports - Website (portals on enlargement, EU border and visa policy, and Turkey) - Documentary films (e.g. Return to Europe, 2008) - ESI Manuals on EU Enlargement Events: - Roundtables - Lectures Capacity building seminars for young analysts in the Western Balkans and the Caucasus	Stabilisation, institution-building, "member state building" and economic development in the Western Balkans EU visa-liberalisation policy towards the Western Balkans, Turkey and EaP countries EU enlargement: Turkey, Western Balkans	Total revenue: +/- €1 million Core donor: OSI – Open Society Institute/Soros Foundation Project-based donors: - Governments: mainly Sweden, UK, Norway, Switzerland - Foundations: mainly Austrian, German and American	DG Enlargement (2010-2011) for the project "EU and Turkey's silent revolution": €50,000 [amount for the whole project, in 3 installations (2010, 2011 and 2012): €135,000]	International and national institutions Brussels (EU institutions) Permanent representations



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INSTITUT FÜR EUROPÄISCHE POLITIK E.V. (IEP) Berlin Legal Status Registered Association (Free NGO) Key Features Founded in 1959, "one of the first foreign and European policy research centres" in Germany Transparency register Yes Membership of European Consortiums TEPSA	"to apply scholarly investigation to issues of European politics and integration, propose ways forward and promote the practical implementation of its research findings"	Research: 5 programmes: 1) Debate on the future of the EU 2) Germany & Europe 3) Neighbourhood & Enlargement 4) European Foreign & Security Policy 5) Energy & Climate Policy Fublications: - Annual Yearbook of European Integration - Quarterly journal Integration - Web projects - Policy papers Events: - Public events - Conferences - Study groups - Summer schools - Seminars on EU politics and policy	EU integration German EU policy CFSP Eastern Neighbourhood Climate change	Total revenue: €1.1 million Government sources Foundations Donations and cooperation with universities and companies	Europe for Citizens: €85,574	Policy-makers Civil society organisations (Europäische Bewegung Deutschland) Cooperatives (Europa- Union Deutschland) Citizens



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BERTELSMANN STIFTUNG Gütersloh & Brussels, Washington DC, Barcelona Legal Status Private operating foundation Key Features Founded in 1977 Transparency register Yes Membership of European Consortiums Brussels Think Tank Dialogue (initiator)	"The foundation aims to identify social problems and challenges at an early stage and develop exemplary solutions to address them" "conviction that competition and civic engagement are essential for social progress"	Research: 6 areas: 1) Politics 2) Society 3) Economy 4) Education 5) Health 6) Culture Publications: - Reports - Analyses - Books Events: - Conferences (e.g. annual "Brussels Think Tank Dialogue", Global Economic Symposium in collaboration with the Kiel Institute for the World Economy, Kronberg Talks) - Biannual Reinhard Mohn Prize awards - Expert roundtables	Global and European governance Participatory democracy EU and international politics Demographic and social trends Education and lifelong learning Intercultural dialogue, values and society	Total revenue: +/- €60 million Holdings in Bertelsmann AG: €51.4 million Cooperative partnerships (with other NGOs): +/- €10 million	In 2011: approved tender in the Commission call EAC 2/2010 (Framework Service Contract to provide expertise and support for European Cooperation in Education and Training)]	Political, business and social leaders, esp. "representatives of other countries and cultures" Academic institutions Wider public



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STIFTUNG WISSENSCHAFT UND POLITIK (SWP) Berlin & Brussels Legal Status Foundation Key Features Set up in 1962 by private initiative near Munich; HQ now in Berlin Transparency register No, and not envisaged Membership of European Consortiums EPIN TGAE Brussels Think Tank Dialogue	"a think tank mandated to provide research-based policy-oriented analysis to the Bundestag, federal government and other institutions on the full range of international and European affairs"	Research: 8 areas: 1) EU Integration 2) EU External Summary 3) International Security 4) The Americas 5) Russian Federation/CIS 6) Middle East and Africa 7) Asia 8) Global issues Publications: - Papers - Studies - Comments - Journal reviews - Books - Newsletters	EU and German external action Defence and security Global governance Regional conflicts and political developments (Middle East, Africa, Asia, Latin America)	Total revenue: +/- €13 million German government and Bundestag: 90% Public and private organisations (most of them German foundations): 10% Occasionally: European Commission, European Parliament, Nordic Council of Ministers	FP7: - SANDERA (ended in May 2011): +/- €30,000	German Chancellery and Federal ministries, German Parliament German policy-makers in Brussels: Permanent Representation, MEPs, NATO delegation



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DEUTSCHE GESELLSCHAFT FÜR AUSWARTIGE POLITIK E. V. (DGAP) Berlin Legal Status Non-profit membership organisation ("gemeinnütziger Verein") Key Features An independent, non- partisan, and non- profit membership organisation, think tank, and publisher created in 1945 Transparency register No, and not envisaged Membership of European Consortiums EuroMeSCo EPIN	"promoting public debate on foreign policy in Germany [] by bringing together high-ranking decision-makers from politics and business, scholars, and the interested public" "practice-oriented research at the interface of politics, economics, science and medias"	Research: - USA and Transatlantic Relations - Security Policy - Global Economy - Near- and Middle-East - Energy Policy - EU/Europe - Franco-German Relations - Russia and Eurasia - China and South-East Asia Publications: - Papers - Journals (International Politik/German, IP Journal/ English, Online) - Online knowledge portal ("aussenpolitik.net") Events: - Conferences - Conversations - Study groups - Advice to foreign policy officials and members of parliament - Training - Summer schools - "Junge DGAP" Library: Public library specialising in European, foreign and security policy	German and EU foreign policy Mediterranean and Middle East Russia Transatlantic relations Global governance	Total revenue:	No EU funding in 2010, but in the process of applying Occasional partner of EU projects	Institutional, corporate and individual members: 2,500 Policy-makers in Germany, Brussels, and other EU capitals Business community in Germany Think Tanks in the EU and the USA



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HELLENIC FOUNDATION FOR EUROPEAN AND FOREIGN POLICY (ELIAMEP) Athens Legal Status Public Benefit Foundation governed by private law Key Features Founded in 1988 in Athens Transparency register No, and not envisaged Membership of European Consortiums EuroMeSCo EPIN TGAE	"to provide a forum for public debate on issues of European integration and international relations and to conduct scientific research that contributes to a better informed and documented knowledge"	Research: 4 areas: 1) European Integration 2) Migration 3) Security and Regional Developments 4) Transatlantic Relations Publications: - Books - Policy papers - ELIAMEP thesis - Working papers - Journal of Southeast European and Black Sea Studies - Briefing notes Events: - Workshops - Debates - Discussions - Conferences - Project meetings - Research and European seminars (annual high level meetings) Training and briefings: Greek military officers and diplomats, foreign journalists, diplomats, policy analysts and delegations from military academies	EU policies Enlargement and European Neighbourhood Policy Migration, integration and multiculturalism Greek foreign and security policy EU-Turkey relations Southeastern Europe Mediterranean/Middle East Energy	Total revenue: +/- €1 million Grants and sponsorships: 50% Donations: 40% Other: conference participation fees	Total EU funding: €339,333 FP6: A European approach to multicultural citizenship (ended 2009): €14,343 FP7: - Successful Security Policy Transfer: €70,359 - European Media Policies Revisited: €89,665 - Pluralism and Religious Freedom in Orthodox Countries in Europe: €38,199 European Direct Information Centre - Specific Agreement 2011: €15,050 DG EAC, Lifelong Learning Programme: Economic Governance in the Eurozone and the EU: €45,000 DG Employment, DG Justice: Fundamental Rights Situation of Irregular Immigrants in the EU: €67,160	Institutional Partners: Companies Embassies Board: Prominent personalities from academia, politics, media, business and the military Audience: Academic & research community Policy-makers on all levels Diplomats Civil servants Journalists Civil society



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INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL AND EUROPEAN AFFAIRS (IIEA) Dublin Legal Status Charity Key Features Founded in 1991 in Dublin Transparency register No, and not envisaged Membership of European Consortiums TEPSA	"provides members with in-depth analysis of EU and international developments and their implications for Ireland and Europe" "a forum for dialogue"	Research: 4 flagship projects: 1) Climate Change & Energy 2) Digital Future 3) International Financial Architecture 4) Future of Europe Publications: - Annual reports - Reports - Briefing notes - Books and pamphlets (within work programmes) Events: - Policy dialogues - Keynote addresses - Briefings - Seminars - Conferences		Total revenue: €972,760 Primarily through membership subscriptions: Irish companies, multinationals based in Ireland, government departments, state institutions, individual subscriptions Additional: sponsorships, conferences and research projects	No EU funding (although IIEA has received an operating grant from the European Commission in 2009 and 2011)	Stakeholders: All members Key audience: Irish Government and Parliament Industry and financial services NGOs Diplomatic corporations Academia Media



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ISTITUTO AFFARI INTERNAZIONALI (IAI) Rome Legal Status Non-profit organisation Key Features Founded in 1965 on the initiative of Altiero Spinelli, its first director Transparency register No, but envisaged Membership of European Consortiums TEPSA EuroMeSCo EPIN	"to promote an understanding of the problems of international politics [] with the aim of increasing the opportunities of all countries to move in the direction of supranational organisation, democratic freedom and social justice" (IAI bylaw, art.1)	Research: 7 areas: 1) EU Institutions and Policies 2) EU and Neighbourhood 3) Security and Defence 4) International Political Economics 5) Mediterranean and Middle East 6) Transatlantic Relations 7) Italian Foreign Policy Publications: - Yearbook - Journal (The International Spectator) - Book series both in English and Italian - In house working papers - Reports for the Parliament - Other monographs Events: - Lectures - Conferences - Research project meetings - Workshops - Symposiums	EU external action Mediterranean space Transatlantic relations	Total revenue: €2,669,227 Research Commissions: €734,394 International foundations and institutions (mainly the EU): €662,805 Private corporations: €671,973 Italian institutions (MoFA, agencies, etc.): +/- €200,160 Membership: €338,848 Other income (conference participation, etc.): +/- €41,083	Total EU funding: €568,595 FP7: - CBRNEmap: €17,357 - Crescendo: €14,449 - C-Space: €90,169 - EU4seas: €48,983 - Exact: €28,081 - G-Mosaic: €43,240 - Medpro: €51,469 - Mercury: €47,938 - Newa: €12,877 - Sandera: €15,464 - Securemetro: €42,413 FP6: - Limes: €9,294 - Mages: €2,927 - Microcon: €14,894 EU Gulf cooperation Council: - EU GCC: €2,347 Lifelong Learning Programme: - Lisboan: €233 Service Contracts: - África: €9,800 - Eurocon: €30,245 - EU-US: €86,451	Academia Civil society European and Italian institutions Media and general public



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ISTITUTO PER GLI STUDI DI POLITICA INTERNAZIONALE (ISPI) Milan Legal Status Non-profit-making private law association, under the supervision of the MoFA, and as far as its management is concerned, under the control of the State Auditor's Department Key Features Founded in 1934, it was created not only as a centre for research but also as a training centre and a forum for discussion and debate at a high level Transparency register No, but envisaged Membership of European Consortiums EuroMeSCo	"a sound pragmatic approach, based on monitoring the various geopolitical areas and interpreting the major trends in progress on the global scene, so as to provide political and economic operators with reliable information and guidance"	Research programmes: - Africa - Caucasus & Central Asia - European Union - Mediterranean & Middle East - Russia & EU Eastern Neighbours - Security & Strategic Studies Research projects: - South Asia (India, Pakistan, Afghanistan and Iran) - Latin Amercia (Argentina and Brasil) - China & East Asia - Human Rights - Disarmament - Energy security - Economic governance Publications: policy briefs, working papers, newsletter, scenario reports for Parliament and MoFA yearbook on Italian Foreign Policy, review Quaderni di Relazioni Internationali Events: conferences, forums of bilateral dialogue, roundtables, instant events on topical issues, closed-door meetings for specific target groups, research seminars, career orientation days Training programmes: masters in Diplomacy, Development and Emergencies, short courses	International relations International economics European economic governance Italian foreign policy	Funding (2010) Total revenue: € 2,978,661 Training activities, research and conferences: +/- 50% Membership fees: 20-25% Income for services: 15% Government contributions: +/- 3% Other: +/- 10%	EU Funding (2010) Service contract for the provision of training and support services for ECHO: €42,700 Representation of the European Commission in Milan (roundtable "Cittadini nell'Europa del futuro"): €10,000 Representation of the European Commission in Milan (conference "Crescita e competitività"): €10,000	_
		(Winter and Summer School), diplomas and advanced diplomas, training modules for Italian and foreign diplomats				



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CLINGENDAEL – NETHERLANDS INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS The Hague Legal Status Non-profit foundation Key Features Founded in 1993 Transparency Register No Membership of European Consortiums TEPSA EuroMeSCo EPIN	"a think tank as well as a diplomatic academy in order to identify and analyse emerging political and social developments for the benefit of government and the general public"	Research: 4 programmes: 1) Diplomatic Studies* 2) European Studies 3) Security and Conflict 4) International Energy Publications: - Papers - Articles - Books and chapters - Commentaries - Newsletters - Since January 2012 operated the website (euforum.nl) Events: - Conferences - Seminars - Roundtable discussions - Courses and lectures Training: courses in European relations and other subjects for (Dutch) civil servants and diplomats from ENP Eastern Neighborhood, Central Asia, Southern Africa, Middle East and North Africa (MENA), Sudan, Southern Africa, Great Lakes, India & Pakistan, South East Asia * Since January 2012, renamed Geopolitics (transnational governance, new powers, diplomacy)	European economic governance EU external action Global governance ESDP Conflict Negotiation	Total revenue: €9,800,000 Institute's activities (courses, seminars, research projects, workshops, etc.): +/- 70% Subsidies from the Dutch MoFA and MoD: +/-20%	Project-based funding: - DG Education, Lifelong Learning Programme: Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence in 2010 - Partner of "Initiative for Peace-building" project	Dutch institutions NGOs Business community International organisations Diplomatic services



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INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS (ISP) Warsaw Legal Status Non-profit, non- governmental organisation Key Features Founded in 1995 in Warsaw Transparency register No, but envisaged Membership of European Consortiums EuroMeSCo (founding member) EPIN	"To elevate the quality of Polish and European public debate, to make it merit-oriented and focused on problem-solving and knowledge-building" "To engage individual citizens and groups of citizens in public debate and other forms of active participation in public life" "To enhance the quality of public policy in Poland through initiating legal and institutional change"	Research: 5 programmes: 1) European Programme 2) Social Policy 3) Civil Society 4) Migration 5) Law and Democratic Institutions Publications: - Books - Reports - Communiqués - Policy papers Events: - Seminars - Conferences - Roundtables	Polish institutions and public debate European integration Polish European and Foreign policy, Social policy, migration and integration policy Law and justice Polish and European civil society Central and Eastern Europe	Funding (2010) Total revenue: +/- €2 million Various public and private sources: 90% Services, operating and financial incomes: 10%	Total EU funding: €429,014 Europe for Citizens: €77,119 EC programmes (European Social Fund, European Refugee Fund, European Fund for integration of third- country nationals): €339,879 European Parliament: €12,015	



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POLISH INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS (PISM) Warsaw Legal Status State legal body governed by public law Key Features Founded in 1996 Transparency register No, and not envisaged Membership of European Consortiums No	"A leading and independent think tank that conducts original, policyfocused research" "provides advice to all branches of government and contributes to wider debates on international relations in Europe and beyond"	Research: 5 programmes: 1) International Security 2) Energy, Climate, Law 3) Global Issues 4) Bilateral Relations in Europe 5) European Union Publications: - Reports - Strategic files - Policy papers - Bulletin - Research papers - Expert reports - Books - Journals (Polish Diplomatic Review, International Affairs, The Polish Quarterly of International Affairs and the Yearbook of Polish Foreign Policy) Events: - Conferences - Discussions - Seminars Diplomatic academy	EU integration Global governance International political economy Non-proliferation and disarmament European Neighbourhood Policy	Total revenue: €2,525,767 Primarily publicly funded	Total EU funding (conference "Eastern Partnership: Strategy for 2011 and beyond", ENPI): €37,813	National and European Institutions Academia NGOs and think tanks



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DEMOSEUROPA - CENTRE FOR EUROPEAN STRATEGY Warsaw Legal Status Private, non-profit foundation operating under the Polish law Key features Incorporated in July 2006 Transparency register Yes Membership of European Consortiums EPIN	"a platform for public debate and exchange of ideas on European integration, the European Union's position at the global stage, broadly defined international relations and globalisation" "The Centre's activities are founded on the belief that the active role of Poland in Europe is a prerequisite to the best interests of the State and its citizens"	Research: 3 programmes: 1) ReNewed Europe (future policy) 2) Economy and society of tomorrow 3) The EU and the new global contract Publications: - Commentaries & policy papers - Reports - Articles - Videos Events: - Lectures - Conferences - Seminars	EU integration EU economics EU foreign policy Innovation and Entrepreneurship Energy and Climate EU Enlargement and Neighbourhood EU-China relations Emerging Powers	Total Revenue: €870,679 Business activity: +/- 50% Statutory activity: +/- 50% [includes grants from British Embassy (+15%), MoFA (5-10%), Batory Foundation]	Total EU funding (the "New Atlantic Capitalism" programme): €78,600	Policymakers in Poland and at EU level Decision-makers in Poland and at EU level Business Media Academia Independent experts and think tanks Wider public in Poland and in Europe



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INSTITUTO DE ESTUDOS ESTRATÉGICOS E INTERNACIONAIS (IEEI) Lisbon Legal Status Independent and non- profit organisation Key Features Founded in 1980 Transparency register No Membership of European Consortiums TEPSA EuroMeSCo (initiator)	"promotion of research and debate on international issues in its various dimensions – political, military, economic, social, cultural and information"	Publications: - Bimonthly journal - Biannual magazine - Articles - Analyses Events: - International conferences - Seminars	Regions: - Europe - Mediterranean - Middle East - Africa - Latin America - Asia Research themes: - Regional integration and cooperation - International and interregional cooperation - Foreign policy - Security and defence (at Portuguese and European levels) - Transition to democracy, security and stability	Total revenue: €347,825 Funding tied to specific activities: 100% Project-based funding: €347,825	European Commission, through Centro de Informação Europeia Jacques Delors, Portuguese MoFA – Project: "A Europa dos Resultados" (2009- 2010): €12,500	Experts Decision-makers, military, diplomats and politicians Journalists and the media Academia and students Business community





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BARCELONA CENTRE FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS (CIDOB) Barcelona Legal Status Private foundation; "an independent, non-partisan centre" Key Features Founded in 1973, one of the oldest and most influential think tanks in Spain Transparency register No, and not envisaged Membership of European Consortium EuroMeSCo EPIN	"promotes good global governance based on democratic practices at the local, national and supranational level in order to ensure people's basic needs for freedom and a life without fear" "to offer political players information and ideas that help to shape policies that promote a safer, freer and more just world for all"	Research: 6 programmes: 1) European Foreign Policy and Relations with its Immediate Neighbours 2) Security Sector Reform 3) Intercultural Dynamics 4) Migration Policy in Europe 5) International Relations of Cities and Regions 6) EU Enlargement Publications: - Thematic yearbooks - Journals - Book collections - Annual book with the UN's Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean - Online opinion papers - Notes internationals Events: - Seminars - Workshops - Conferences - Presentations of publications Documentation: documentation centre and library	International relations and global governance EU external action Spanish Foreign Policy Geographic focus: - European Commission - Former Soviet Space - North Africa - Central Asia - Latin America	Total revenue: +/- €3 million Grants from Spanish and Catalonian public institutions: 50% Project-based funding (competitive calls from national and international institution): 20% Private sponsorship: 20% Partnerships with foreign actors: 7% Own resources: 3%	FP7: - EU4SEAS Project - INEX DG Home Affairs: - European website on integration [2012: Europe for citizens, "Future EU Leaders Academy – What Europe in 2020?"]	Catalonian and Spanish opinion- makers and policy- makers European policy research and practitioner community Quest to reach out more to European institutions, think tanks and national representations



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FUNDACIÓN PARA LAS RELACIONES INTERNACIONALES Y EL DIÁLOGO EXTERIOR (FRIDE) Madrid & Brussels Legal Status Foundation (Spain) ASBL (Belgium) Key Features Founded in 1999; increasingly influential at EU level Transparency register No Membership of European Consortiums EuroMeSCo	"A European think tank for global action, which provides innovative thinking and rigorous analysis of key debates in international relations" "to inform policy and practice in order to ensure that the EU plays a more effective role in supporting multilateralism, democratic values, security and sustainable development"	Research programmes: - Democracy - Emerging Powers - Global Governance and Multilateralism - Threats to Peace and Security - Fragile States and Energy Security - EU-Asia Relations - European Approach to Central Asia - Europe and its Strategic Partnerships Publications: - Policy briefs - Working papers - Books - Opinion articles in newspapers Events: - Seminars - Debates with prominent policy- makers - Presentations of publications	Crisis and EU foreign policy Europe and the reshaped global order Changing approaches to security The new Middle East	Total revenue: €2.47 million Private donor: 58% Project-based funding (from public and private organisations, e.g. MoFA, EU member states, EU, OSI, etc.): 42%	Total EU funding: 0.63% of total revenue Project funding: -EDC2020 - AI JISR Project EU-GCC - IFP - IFP II - Early Warning	Spanish policy-makers Desire to be visible in Brussels: new office, partnerships with other think tanks



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FUNDACIÓN REAL INSTITUTO ELCANO Madrid Legal Status Private, independent institution Key features Established in 2001 as a non-partisan – but not neutral – institution Transparency register No Membership of European Consortiums EPIN TEPSA	Aims to establish a global strategy resulting in political proposals having a practical application "a forum for analysis and debate on international affairs and particularly on Spain's international relations" "Its work should similarly promote the knowledge of Spain in the strategic scenarios in which the country's interests are at stake"	Research: 4 programmes: 1) Spain's Global Presence 2) Energy and Climate Change: Challenges and Responses 3) The Priorities of Global Security 4) Spain and the Bicentennials Publications: - Analysis (short papers) - Working papers (longer documents) - Barometer research - Reports - Yearbooks - Books - ARI, monthly magazine - Newsletters and bulletins - Articles and research concerning the current financial crisis Events: - Forums - Conferences (e.g. financial cooperation and development, Spain & NATO, and budgetary stability)	Research themes: Europe, Latin America, the Mediterranean and the Arab World The United States and Transatlantic Dialogue The Asia-Pacific region Sub-Saharan Africa Security and defence Economy and international trade International cooperation and development Spain's image abroad and public opinion Demographics and population Language and culture International organisations International terrorism	Total revenue: €4 million Government funding (MoFA, MoD, Ministry of Economy and Competitivity, Ministry of Education, Culture and Sport): 25% Private sector (annual contributions from the firms represented on its Board of Trustees or Business Advisory Council): 75%	No EU funding	Private sector (part of Board of Trustees (e.g. BBVA, Telefonica, Iberia): +/-16 Media Government institutions, political figures, high officials Spanish decisionmakers both public and private, active on the international scene



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SWEDISH INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS (UI) Stockholm Legal Status Non-profit organisation Key Features Founded in 1938; "the oldest international affairs institute in the Nordic region" Transparency register No Membership of European Consortiums TEPSA	"To analyse the circumstances of the world's countries and provide an in-depth knowledge based on research, global events and processes in our world"	Research: Geographic foci: 1) Europe 2) North America 3) Russia 4) East Asia Research themes: 1) Foreign policy and international negotiations 2) Defence and security 3) Democracy and development 4) Governance and institutions 5) Globalisation and information society Publications: - Books - Reports - Databases of country information - UI Papers - Online encyclopedia/ news service - Country guide - International Studies, quarterly journal Events: - Seminars - Conferences and lectures - 'Fortbildningsdag' = full day event Training	Swedish foreign policy EU external relations EU internal security Internet and democracy Security and development Private business, security and conflict	Total revenue: €3.9 million Grants for research projects Sales from publications, and income from public events (fees) Contribution from the Swedish MoFA	FP7: - Domestic Security Systems in Europe (2010-2012)	Swedish government and Parliament Academia Industry Embassies, consulates, organisations Media General public, including schools and libraries Brussels: Joint partnership with the European Policy Centre (since 2004, a series of common task forces on "societal security" questions)



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SWEDISH INSTITUTE FOR EUROPEAN STUDIES (SIEPS) Stockholm Legal Status "independent governmental institute"; Swedish public agency Key Features Founded in 2002 Transparency Register No Membership of	"3 missions: - to conduct analysis and research on current developments in the EU and Swedish European policy; - to spread (and make available) this research and analysis to policymakers at various levels; - to be active in international networks and exchanges within our field"	Research: 6 areas: 1) European Economic Policy 2) EU Political and Constitutional System 3) Common Climate and Energy Policy 3) EU External Relations 4) European Internal Market – Challenges for Free Movement 5) Member States and European Integration Publications: - Reports - Papers - European Policy analysis (online) Events:	EU integration EU economics EU internal and external policies	Total revenue: +/- €1,5 million Public funding (budget voted annually by the Swedish Parliament): 100%	No EU funding	Swedish (and to some extent European) policymakers at all levels
European Consortiums EPIN TGAE		- Seminars				



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CENTRE FOR EUROPEAN REFORM (CER) London & Brussels Legal Status Company limited by guarantee Key features Founded in 1998 Transparency register Not yet Membership of European Consortiums EPIN	"devoted to improving the quality of the debate on the European Union [] a forum for people with ideas from Britain and across the continent" "The CER is pro-European but not uncritical [] The CER therefore aims to promote new ideas for reforming the European Union"	Research: 16 areas: 1) Britain and the EU 2) EU Budget and policies 3) EU foreign Policies 4) Institutions 5) Justice & Home Affairs 6) Economics & Finance 7) Energy & Environment 8) Education & Research 9) The Euro 10) Security & Defence Policies 11) Enlargement & Turkey 12) Neighbourhood Policy 13) Transatlantic Relations 14) Russia 15) China 16) The Middle East Publications: - Reports - Essays - Working papers - Policy briefs - Briefing notes - Opinion papers - CER bulletin Events: - Seminars - Conferences and meetings with high-profile speakers - Brussels breakfasts Provide advice to European governments and to EU institutions	EU internal and external policies Britain in the EU Global trends	Total revenue: +/- €1,4 million Quasi-exclusively funded by donations from the private sector, either core funding (corporate, individual subscribers) or project-based (sponsorship of events, projects, publications)	Unsuccessful application to "Europe for citizens" programme in 2010 Occasional contracts with the EU, most recently for an economics conference	Corporate Members: Major European and US companies and foundations Development and networking in Brussels



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CHATHAM HOUSE London Legal Status NGO, non-profit organisation	"The mission of Chatham House is to be a world- leading source of independent analysis, informed debate and influential ideas on how to build a prosperous and	Research Departments: 1) Area Studies and International Law 2) Energy, Environment and Resources 3) International Economics 4) International	"Research on Europe at Chatham House is focused on European countries and Europe-related institutions and their involvement in addressing the challenges posed in the areas of	Total revenue: +/- €8.77 million Research: 50% Subscription fees for conferences: 15% Membership subscriptions: 22%	EU-funded projects: "The Regional Dimension of the Palestinian Refugee Issue" (2006-2009) "Palestinian Refugee in the Middle East Peace Process: Regional and International Components of an Implementation	Members: Individual members: +/- 2,760 Corporate members (incl. companies, universities, NGOs): 211
Key features: Founded in 1920, Chatham House is also known as the Royal Institute of International Affairs Transparency register No Membership of European Consortiums No	secure world for all" "Research is core to all Chatham House activities. We undertake independent and rigorous analysis with the aim of setting the agenda and shaping policy by encouraging new ideas and forward thinking in international affairs."	Publications: - Reports and papers (60/year) - Programme papers - Working papers - Event summaries - The World Today, monthly magazine - International affairs, journal - Books on international affairs Events: - Conferences - Members events - Research meetings and workshops	economics, climate change, energy, and security, the Eurozone crisis, EU Foreign Policy, Populist extremism"	Fundraising and donations: 11% Investment return: 2%	Mechanism" (2010) "The Europe China Research and Advice Network (ECRAN) project" "The EU's Prospects 20 Years after the Fall of Communism" (2009) "Chinese Views of the EU- Disaggregating Chinese Perceptions in the EU and the Implications for the EU's China Policy" (2009- 2012) "The Effects of Oil Companies' Activities on the Environment, Health and Development in Africa" (2010-2011) "Rethinking EU Neighbourhood Policies towards the MENA Region" (2010) "Kick-starting the European Economy" (2011)	Governmental organisations incl. Embassies: 120 Partners: 17



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EUROPEAN COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS (ECFR) London & Berlin, Madrid, Paris, Rome, Sofia, Warsaw Legal Status Not-for-profit company limited by guarantee Key Features ECFR is a pan- European think tank founded in 2007 with affiliation to the Open Society Foundations, registered in February 2010 as an independent private company limited by guarantee in England and Wales, ECFR is also a registered charity Anti-fraud and bribery policies in place Transparency register No Membership of European Consortiums TEPSA	"to conduct research and promote informed debate across Europe on the development of coherent and effective European values based foreign policy"	Activities include primary research, publication of policy reports, private meetings and public debates, "Friends of ECFR" gatherings in EU capitals and outreach to strategic media outlets Publications: - Reports - Articles - Policy papers - Briefings - Commentaries - Blogs and audio podcasts Advocacy: - Conferences - Discussions - Roundtables ECFR has national offices in seven European capitals (Berlin, London, Madrid, Paris, Rome and Warsaw) which are platforms for research, debate, advocacy and communications Communication: Award-winning media, web and social media expertise	Education and research in the field of foreign policy, foreign relations and related topics organised around the following themes: Programmes: 1) Wider Europe 2) China 3) Middle East and North Africa Cross-cutting research: 1) Human rights 2) Security & Defence Specific research projects and special initiatives: 1) Germany in Europe 2) Reinventing Europe 3) European Foreign Policy Scorecard	Total revenue: €2.91 million Foundations: 86% Business: 7% Governments: 4% Individuals: 3% Prior to May 2010, ECFR was part of the Open Society Foundation, from which it received seed money.	No EU funding	Board of over 170 politicians, decision-makers, thinkers and business people from EU member states and candidate states Audience: European foreign policy community Influential voices in foreign policy in Europe and in key places beyond Europe's citizens, students and academics Member of Policy Association for an Open Society (PASOS)

