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The Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA) is participating in an annual dialogue with the European Union Institute for Security Studies (EUISS). The dialogue comprises a two day conference on 23-24 October, 2012 in Brussels.

The India-EU Forum on Effective Multilateralism is a multi-stakeholders' dialogue process that was established for enhancing mutual understanding and friendship between ICWA, New Delhi and EUISS, Paris through the promotion of friendly, cooperative and collaborative institutional relations. One of the main objectives of the Forum is to promote and support the activities that contribute to better understanding and relations between India and the EU. As a critical element of Track II diplomacy between India and the EU, the Forum engages eminent persons from both sides from the field of diplomacy, culture, economy, trade, education, international relations, etc in this important dialogue. Since its inception in 2009, it has made a decisive contribution to strengthening India-EU relations. The Forum has organized four conferences on the India-EU relations in the past in India and Brussels.

The conference will discuss a number of issues of common interest in the political, economic and security domains. Amidst global economic turbulence, persisting Euro zone crisis, political turmoil in the Arab world, security transition in Afghanistan, and evolving security dynamics in Asia Pacific region, India and the EU face multiple challenges to deal with which they need to strengthen and broaden their strategic partnership.

Several bilateral issues such as evaluation of the India-EU summit process, negotiation for a free trade agreement, visa issues, free movement of Indian professionals, equitable access of Indian goods to European markets are to be discussed in the changing policy framework.
