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Committee on Security and Defense - SEDE	

Issue:

The question of security in the European Union. The relationship between the EU and the Russian Federation has been tense since the latter's illegal annexation of Crimea in 2014. In what ways can the EU secure its citizens against the threat posed by Russian interference in this region? How do we prevent current tension from escalating further, and encourage dialogue between the two parties?

Foreword:

Hello everyone! In this committee we will be discussing the security and defense in the European Union. This is a huge topic, so the crux in this committee will be about how we can prevent current tension between the EU and Russia from escalating. We will examine the ways in which the EU can bring security to the regions where Russia is currently interfering. This issue is an interesting, but demanding one, so we are looking forward to hearing your bright ideas. You will need to be prepared and we have therefore gathered some links which can prove useful for your research. Read up on the Russian annexation of Crimea and the EU's response to this crisis. If you find more resources than what we have listed, that is great.

If you have any questions regarding the issue of the committee, feel free to contact either one of us. We wish you the best of luck and we look forward to seeing all of you all this weekend!

Links:

Some information on how the EU responded to the crisis in Ukraine:

<http://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/policies/sanctions/ukraine-crisis/>

Explanation of EU-Russia relations:

<https://www.clingendael.org/pub/2018/clingendael-state-of-the-union-2018/9-eu-relations-with-russia-and-the-eastern-neighbourhood/>

How the EU generally responds to crises:

https://eeas.europa.eu/topics/crisis-response_en

The Baltic Development Forum's seventh Political State of the Region Report:

http://www.bdforum.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/2018_PoliticalRep_v2_lowRES-5.pdf

EU's restrictive measures in response to the crisis in Ukraine:

https://eeas.europa.eu/sites/eeas/files/eu_restrictive_measures_in_response_to_crisis_in_ukraine_en.pdf

"Russia and the Security on Europe" by Eugene Rumer:

https://carnegieendowment.org/files/CP_276_Rumer_Russia_Final.pdf

Some hot topics related to the issue brought to you by Centre for European Reform:

<https://www.cer.eu/hot-topics/russia-european-security>

"The growing Russian military threat in Europe" - Brookings Institution:

<https://www.brookings.edu/testimonies/the-growing-russian-military-threat-in-europe/>

"The EU strengthens cooperation on security and defence" - EEAS

https://eeas.europa.eu/headquarters/headquarters-homepage/35285/eu-strengthens-cooperation-security-and-defence_en