

Event Report

Title: The War in Ukraine: Europe's response and implications for the Indo-Pacific

Date: Wednesday, October 26, 2022

On October 26, Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (KAS) Japan Office held an experts' roundtable on "The War in Ukraine: Europe's response and implications for the Indo-Pacific" at the organisation's Tokyo office.

Rabea Brauer, Country Representative, KAS Japan, welcomed the participation of experts from the **Centre for Security, Diplomacy and Strategy** (CSDS) at the Brussels School of Governance and various Japanese organisations.

Key points made by the CSDS speakers concerned the following:

- Impact of the Russian aggression against Ukraine from both a Euro-Atlantic and Indo-Pacific perspective and the conflict's indirect link to both regions through the U.S. military presence;
- Evaluation of Japan and Taiwan as partners sharing common values with Europe. Shift by Eastern European states from pro to anti-China following China's show of support for Russia;
- EU's endeavour to seek tighter and more robust defense cooperation as a part of an effort to secure the strategic autonomy of the bloc; development of stronger defense cooperation between the EU and NATO.

The subsequent discussions centered around topics such as future Japan-NATO cooperation in new domains, the prospect of a Taiwan contingency, solidarity amongst like-minded countries, and weapon systems.

The whole session was moderated by **Michito Tsuruoka**, Associate Professor of Keio University.