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The EU and Solidarity in Global Health Cooperation: Lessons from the Covid-19 pandemic

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BACKGROUND AND KEY QUESTIONS

Since the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic, the concept of solidarity has been on everyone's lips. But while solidarity is held dear in political speeches and debates at all levels of politics, the prevailing impression is that political practice is often different.

In a new sef: GLOBAL GOVERNANCE SPOTLIGHT, the authors emphasise that it is not about a morally charged approach. Rather, a focus on the commonalities, mutual respect and a dialogue at eye level should be the starting points of solidarity-based action.

But what does solidarity mean in concrete terms as a political concept guiding action in the international context? What basis exists for states for a joint commitment to act in solidarity? How can solidarity be operationalised in global health cooperation? Or is the concept of solidarity a misleading approach, for instance by distracting from human rights obligations of states?

At the sef: Policy Lunch, we would like to discuss these questions with a view to the European Union. Based on the experience of international crisis management in the current pandemic and the performance of the EU in recent months, we would like to explore how the EU can contribute to institutionalising real solidarity in global health cooperation.

ABOUT THE POLICY LUNCH SERIES

With its Policy Lunch series, the sef: invites you twice a year to discuss the role of the EU in current international processes and debates.

PROGRAMME

12.25 HRS **VIRTUAL “CHECK-IN”**

12.30 HRS **WELCOME MESSAGE**

Hans H. Stein

Director

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North Rhine-Westphalia to the EU, Brussels

12.35 HRS **INTERVIEW**

Dr Hanna Kienzler

Reader in Global Health

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Professor Barbara Prainsack

Director of the Centre for the Study of
Contemporary Solidarity (CeSCoS),
University of Vienna

12.50 HRS **COMMENTS**

Dr John Amuasi

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Executive Director, African Research Network for
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Dr Jan Paehler

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13.05 HRS **OPEN DEBATE**

Chair

Frank R. Hofmann

Senior Correspondent, Analysis and Reports
Deutsche Welle, Berlin

13.45 HRS **END OF EVENT**