



EURODEFENSE

COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTS

May 20, 2022

Chaired by President EuroDéfense-France

List of decisions

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- Encl : 1.- Attendance list for the Council meeting
 2.- Planning of EURODEFENSE activities
 3- List of European working groups (EWGs) and observatories
 4.- EURODEFENSE Network

The meeting was only with traditional physical participation, gathering delegations from the following associations: Austria, Belgique, Denmark, Deutschland, España, Finland, Italy, France, Nederland, Magyarország, Portugal, Romania, UK, and partners EDTA and ESDA. EuroDéfense-Grèce was excused

1.- Approval of the list of decisions of the Lisbon Council

The List of decisions – dated *January the 8th 2022* - of the Council of Presidents, held in Vienna on November the 4th 2021, is approved.

2.- Follow-up of the decisions - Situation of the network

As a test, EuroDefense-France has organized a virtual Council, who has been deeply appreciated by all chapters. The experience will be renewed.

The Council thoroughly thanks Admiral (ret) Willy Herteleer, for all his work and contributions as President of EuroDefense-Belgique during 14 years, and wishes all the best to Amiral de division (ret) Jacques Rosiers, who replaces him

3.- Meetings

2022

EuroDefense-Nederland will organise the second Council of the year in The Hague from 12 to 14 October

EuroDefense-Italia confirms it organises the Youth Conference, with a new approach (see point 6)

2023

Eurodefense UK is studying the feasibility, and does not “close de door”.

2024

EuroDefense Belgique is volunteering for organizing the IME during the Belgium presidency of the EU (first semester, around February).

4.- EURODEFENSE ACTIVITIES.

4.1 Self explanatory reports received

The Council thanks the associations chairing EWGs and observatories for all reports sent. Some of them did not need additional comments during the meeting. But, in the future all should be forwarded at least 15 days in advance.

4.1 EWG 26B on “Climate change , Energy, Security and Defence”

EuroDéfense-Portugal plans to propose a paper to be approved during the next Council in The Hague.

4.2 EWG 27B on future European defence

The cover letter prepared by EuroDéfense-France is approved, with a small change required by EuroDéfense-Nederland. It will be sent quickly to the EU institutions with the paper “A strategic Compass and what’s next” dated 05-04-2022.

4.3 EWG28 on “Hybrid Warfare” is suspended, remaining under EuroDéfense-Italia responsibility.

4.4 EWG on Financing the EU Defence is disbanded. EDTA will continue the works, with the participation of EURODEFENSE members, on a personal basis

4.5 Observatory on Arctic

EuroDéfense-UK proposes an amendment to the mandate (sent by mail on May 15 and May 20), to be approved before end of May. It is requested that the Council :

1. agrees that the Eurodefense name can be used at the Arctic Circle Assembly,
2. agrees to the further development of policy positions in respect of defence and security aspects of the EU’s new Arctic strategy for reporting back and potential presentation to EU institutions.
3. authorises the Rapporteur of the observatory to enter into informal discussions with Frontex, in respect with the Arctic domain .

4.6 Observatory on Space

A webinar and a seminar have been successfully organized with the EU Commission, with the participation of Guillaume de La Brosse (chef d’unité DEFIS) and Ms Samsel (his deputy), who wait for EURODEFENSE proposals. EuroDéfense-Deutschland will send more information on the follow-up.

5.- EWG1 B outreach activities (website, podcasts, newsletters)

The council thanks the Group for all its achievements. Efforts should be made to increase :

- the participation to the webinars, with a better dissemination of the invitations,
- the number of articles for the website (one per week ?) and the newsletter,

- the number of posts on Social Medias

Jan Wind (as EDTA) and Miguel Machado Carvalho de Figueiredo Gomes (EuroDéfense-Portugal JOVEM) will propose solutions for a better dissemination of invitations.

Articles non written in English should be posted on chapter websites, with a summary in English on the network website including a link to the chapter website

6. – Youth Conference

EuroDéfense-Italia has sent a new proposal dated May the 18th 2022. Differently from the previous edition of the Youth Conference, the purpose of this “summer school” is to offer the opportunity to the young Europeans to contribute actively in establishing a practical tool to deal with an important current risk and challenge to European security. In relation to the present international situation, it has been proposed to focus the 2022 edition on Disinformation monitoring and identifying appropriate responses.

The Project is planned in three phases: a preparatory period (July-September), a residential four-day workshop (19-22 September) to be held at the Velletri Town Hall (Rome), and a conclusive online phase until End of October. The organisation will be carried out by EuroDéfense-Italia and the Youth Atlantic Treaty Association Italy.

The aim is to gather 25 participants from 16 countries, aged 18-35 years old, paying their travel and a 200 E fee. Accommodation will be free.

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