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Programme

08.30-09.00: Arrival and coffee

09.00-09.05: Welcome word (**Colonel Corinne Faut** – Director-general of the Royal Higher Institute for Defence)

09.05-09.15: Opening remarks (**Mr Pieter De Crem** – Belgian MOD)

09.15-09.30: Political Keynote Speech:

Introductory comments on Defence Cooperation and the EU (**Professor Ioan Mircea Paşcu** – Member of European Parliament, Vice Chair of the Committee on Foreign Affairs)

09.30-09.45: Q&A to the Political Authorities

09.45-10.10: Practical Keynote Speech:

The European Defence Agency: Identifying, coordinating and facilitating the development of European defence capabilities (**Brigadier Jon Mullin** – Capabilities Director at the European Defence Agency)

Session 1: From the Legal Framework for Cooperation towards Practical Initiatives

10.10-10.15: Introduction of the speakers and framing of the session by the moderator (**Senior Captain Bart Smedts** – Researcher at the Royal Higher Institute for Defence)

10.15-10.35: **CSDP, Strategy and Crisis Management: Out of area or out of business?** (**Dr Luis Simón** – Postdoctoral Researcher at the Institute for European Studies, Free University of Brussels)

10.35-11.00: Coffee

11.00-11.20: **Military Spillover: Getting an own dynamic in European military cooperation initiatives** (**Captain Pieter-Jan Parrein** – Researcher at the Royal Higher Institute for Defence)

11.20-11.40: **European Air Transport Command (EATC): Innovative way of pooling and sharing** (**Brigadier General Alain Rouceau** – Chief of Staff and Deputy Commander of the European Air Transport Command)

11.40-12.10: Q&A

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Session 2: Examples of Armament Cooperation through EDA

- 13.30-13.35: Introduction of the speakers and framing of the session by the moderator (**Major Erik Van de Schoor** – Domain Manager Data Acquisition Processing at the Scientific and Technological Research of Belgian Defence)
- 13.35-14.00: **The Importance of the EDA for Medium and Small Defence Countries** (**Colonel Kris Dewilde** – Belgian Deputy National Armament Director, ACOS Strategy Belgian Defence)
- 14.00-14.25: **A Future European Helicopter Wing: Taking European helicopter cooperation to the next level** (**Wing Commander Andrew Gray** – Helicopter Project Officer at the European Defence Agency)
- 14.25-14.45: Q&A
- 14.45-15.15: Coffee

Session 3: Training: Key for Efficiency

- 15.15-15.20: Introduction of the speakers and framing of the session by the moderator (**Colonel Eric Kalajzic** – Director of the High Defence Studies)
- 15.20-15.40: **The European Security and Defence College: Supporting the convergence of civilian and military aspects in EU crisis management through training and education** (**Mr Hans-Bernhard Weisserth** – Acting Head of the ESDC).
- 15.40-16.00: **EMILYO (Exchange of Military Young Officers): Creating a European defence culture within the military from the basis** (**Captain (Navy) Cesare Ciocca** – Chairman of the Executive Academic Board/Implementation Group, ESDC)
- 16.00-16.20: **National Coordination and Cooperation among Civilian and Military Training Actors: An Austrian example within an EU framework** (**Dr Jochen Rehrl** – Austrian Federal Ministry of Defence and Sports)
- 16.20-16.50: Q&A
- 16.50-17.00: Closing remarks for the day by **Admiral (Ret) Willy Herteleer**, former Belgian Chief of Defence and President of EURODEFENSE-Belgium

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“EDA acts as a catalyst, promotes collaborations, launches new initiatives and introduces solutions to improve defence capabilities. But it can only succeed when its shareholders – the participating Member States – deliver these capabilities.” (EDA website)

Session 1: From the Legal Framework for Cooperation towards Practical Initiatives

CSDP, Strategy and Crisis Management: out of area or out of business? (Dr Luis Simón – Postdoctoral Researcher at the Institute for European Studies, Free University of Brussels)

The EU's ineffectiveness vis-à-vis Libya and the Southern Mediterranean crises more broadly are largely explained by CSDP's narrow mandate around (soft) crisis management. The EU's emphasis on external crisis management was strategically sound given the geopolitical context of the 1990s, when Western hegemony made expeditionary intervention a tool for expanding the West's (and Europe's) geopolitical influence. In turn, CSDP's quiet drifting towards a 'softer' kind of crisis management from the mid-2000s was also instrumental in highlighting the EU's differences from post-11 September US unilateralism. This said, (soft) crisis management has become progressively obsolete in the light of a rapidly changing geopolitical environment characterised by an overall retreat of Western power globally; a weakening of America's commitment to European security; an increasingly tumultuous European neighbourhood; and Europe's financial troubles. In order to meet the demands of a changing geopolitical environment, CSDP must break away from its distinctively reactive approach to security (i.e. crisis management/intervention) to include all the functions normally associated with the military including, chiefly, deterrence and prevention. This would allow the EU to actively shape its regional and global milieu.

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Session 1: From the Legal Framework for Cooperation towards Practical Initiatives

Military Spillover: Getting an own dynamic in European military cooperation initiatives (Captain Pieter-Jan Parrein – Researcher at the Royal Higher Institute for Defence)

During this lecture we will try to look at what is needed to get an own dynamic in European military cooperation and connect this to some of the current initiatives on a European and sub-European level. It will be shown that such a dynamic can lead to systematically deeper cooperation and as such can automatically bring it on the political-military and political level of military security cooperation.

The theorising during this lecture on this spillover effect will be based for the major part on the example of the evolution of the Belgian-Dutch Navy cooperation that will be linked to one of the most important European integration theories that also makes use of the concept of spillover.

Nevertheless, the main aim of this lecture is not to emphasise a possible theory behind defence cooperation but to support certain ideas or ways that can most efficiently lead to more military cooperation within the EU and even more defence cooperation because of the fact that they establish a process that systematically leads to more cooperation, an own cooperation dynamic. Of course, the political reality surrounding military security that sets limits to this dynamic or could lead to the inverse process will also be dealt with.

European Air Transport Command (EATC): Innovative way of pooling and sharing (Brigadier General Alain Rouceau – Chief of Staff and Deputy Commander of the European Air Transport Command)

The EATC was established in Eindhoven, the Netherlands, on 1 September 2010. The four participating nations (Belgium, France, Germany and the Netherlands) have put most of their Air Transport and Air to Air refuelling assets under the centralised operational control of EATC.

In addition they have transferred different levels of authorities in specific domains (such as fleet management, doctrine, training and exercises...) to harmonise processes between the nations and reach deeper interoperability.

The Initial Operational Capability of the EATC was declared on 11 May 2011. The presentation will analyse the first achievements of this new multinational command and the ongoing challenges.

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Session 2: Examples of Armament Cooperation through EDA

The Importance of the EDA for Medium and Small Defence Countries (Colonel Kris Dewilde – Belgian Deputy National Armament Director, ACOS Strategy Belgian Defence)

EDA could be a well performing organisation for medium and smaller nations if confidence and trust from those nations could be achieved.

EDA is an organisation where decisions are taken by the Steering Board, if necessary by qualified majority voting. For smaller nations it is very difficult even impossible to follow all the work that is done in the different workshops, expert groups and meetings.

Nevertheless, by bringing national experts together a lot of work could be done supporting national decision processes that could be based on information and studies and that could not be achieved on an individual basis. But for this some changes are necessary.

A Future European Helicopter Wing: taking European helicopter cooperation to the next level (Wing Commander Andrew Gray – Helicopter Project Officer at the European Defence Agency)

Since 2008, EDA has been assisting the participating Member States (pMS) in enhancing their helicopter capability through training. This has included the procurement of the Interim Synthetic Tactics Course and the delivery of 4 multinational helicopter exercises.

We are working towards better understanding and interoperability. Does this present an opportunity to go to the next step and form multinational units? Could this deliver new capabilities through sharing costs and allowing more nations to participate? How might this work and what are the next steps?

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The European Security and Defence College: Supporting the convergence of civilian and military aspects in EU crisis management through training and education (Mr Hans-Bernhard Weisserth – Acting Head of the ESDC).

Since its establishment in 2005, the ESDC has consolidated its position as a balanced network comprising security policy, diplomatic and other civilian institutes, higher defence institutes and universities, as well as the EU Institute for Security Studies (EU ISS). Up to now, some 50 institutes and other training actors from almost all Member States have been actively engaged in conducting CSDP training activities. In addition, the ESDC is further deepening its cooperation with external training actors such as the Geneva Centre for Security Policy and the NATO Defence College, drawing also on their specific expertise. The current network configuration, its ability to convene in project-orientated formats, e.g. the recently-established format in support of the EU pool of SSR experts, as well as the number and the types of courses, allow the ESDC to fulfil its main mission and objectives, which are to develop and promote a common understanding of CSDP among civilian and military personnel and to enhance the European security culture. Thus, the ESDC makes a significant contribution to the EU's comprehensive approach to crisis management.

The lecture will provide a more detailed insight into these aspects of the ESDC's development and training record.

EMILYO (Exchange of Military Young Officers): Creating a European defence culture within the military from the basis (Captain (Navy) Cesare Ciocca – Chairman of the Executive Academic Board/Implementation Group, ESDC)

EMILYO, the European initiative for the exchange of young officers inspired by Erasmus that is better known as "Military Erasmus" is one of the programmes of the European Security and Defence College. It was launched in November 2008 and important administrative steps have already been taken to make it more easy for young officers to study abroad so that they are brought together in an international environment. In this lecture we will explain the concept and aim of this initiative, as well as the mandate that was given by the Defence ministers to implement it. We will review the current state of affairs including the main progresses made, open issues and developments.

During this lecture we will also demonstrate why it is more effective to create a European Defence culture out of the basic education and the possible implications that this can bring with it.

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An Austrian example within an EU framework (Dr Jochen Rehrl – Austrian Federal
Ministry of Defence and Sports)**

In Austria, the government is currently working on the establishment of a “security cluster” in the field of “training and education”. Therefore the relevant ministries like the Chancellery, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of the Interior, the Ministry of Justice and the Ministry of Defence have established a “training network conference”. In the conference, the ministries together with their training actors such as the Diplomatic Academy (MFA), the National Defence Academy (MOD), the Security Academy (MOI) and the College for Public Administration (Chancellery) are trying to find synergies and common goals. The process involves some NGOs which provide useful and necessary support in this regard. Until now, the conference has been limited to training and education in the field of the Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) of the European Union (including CSDP related issues).

Some concrete examples as outcomes from the conferences are: regular staff to staff meetings, exchange of lecturers, organisation and conduct of training activities, establishment of the “ESDC Advanced PolAd Course”.

The lecture will give an overview of the Austrian training network taking the training environment on the European level (ESDC, ENTRI, CEPOL, EDA, EDP, FRONTEX...) into account.

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Colonel Corinne Faut

Originating from the Royal Military Academy in Brussels, she graduated as a Master of Military and Aerospace Sciences in 1982. The first steps in her professional life led her in January 1983 to the Technical School of Saffraanberg as a Student Squadron Commander and then as a Military Assistant. After having been responsible for the Personnel Management in the Air Force Training & Support Headquarters for two years, Captain Corinne Faut joined the section Organisation & Education of the Air Force Staff in 1991. After having attended the Candidate Senior Officers Course, she moved to the “Audit” office in order to restructure the organisation charts.

After the Advanced Staff Course, Major Corinne Faut joined the Personnel Division of the General Staff in 1998 in order to coordinate the activities of different working groups regarding the future of the Belgian Defence and collaborated to achieve the strategic orientations of the Vision 2015 plan. In 2001, Lieutenant-colonel Corinne Faut moved to Neder-Over-Heembeek as the Synthesis Officer in the Human Resources Department of the Defence Staff.

One year later she was appointed to the King’s Military Household. During this period Colonel Corinne Faut completed the High Studies for Security & Defence. After her six-month education as an auditor at the NATO Defence College, she was designated to lead the Task Force “Mixed Career Concept” at the Human Resources Department. In February 2009, she joined the Royal Higher Institute for Defence (RHID) as the Director of the Centre for Security & Defence Studies before she became the Director-general of the RHID in July of the same year.

During her career, Colonel Corinne Faut acted also as the representative of the female personnel of the Air Force as well at national as at NATO level. She was the Belgian delegate at the NATO Women Committee.

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Mr Pieter De Crem

Mr Pieter De Crem was born on 22 July 1962 in Aalter. He is married to Caroline Bergez and father of Constantijn, Alicia and Victoria.

He has a Master in Romanic Philology at the Catholic University of Leuven and a Master of European and International Law at the Free University of Brussels.

From 1989 until 1995, he was the Chairman of the youth CVP (Christelijke Volkspartij – Christian People's Party) section Ghent – Eeklo.

From 1989 until 1992, he was attaché at the private office of Prime Minister Wilfried Martens and had the same function afterwards at the private office of Minister of Defence Leo Delcroix, until 1993.

He has been mayor of the city of Aalter and a Member of Parliament since 1995.

He was the Chairman of CD&V (Christendemocratisch & Vlaams – Christian Democratic & Flemish – parliamentary party at the House of Representatives between 31 May 2003 and 21 December 2007 and Chairman of CD&V/NV-A (Nieuw-Vlaamse Alliantie – New Flemish Alliance) parliamentary party at the House of Representatives between 11 June 2007 and 21 December 2007. He was Chairman of the Commission for the Interior at the House of Representatives between 10 June 2007 and 21 December 2007. He also is a member of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly.

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Prof. Ioan Mircea Pașcu

Professor Ioan Mircea Pașcu is a Member of the European Parliament and Vice Chair of the Committee on Foreign Affairs since 2007.

He was Minister of Defence of Romania (2000-2004) ensuring NATO membership for his country. From 1990 to 1992, he was as a presidential counsellor the Head of the Foreign Policy Department of the Romanian Presidential Administration. In the same period, he was Vice-President of the National Salvation Front. From 1993 to 1996, he was a State Secretary, Deputy Minister of Defence. Afterwards, he became the Chairman of the Committee on Defence, Public Order and National Security of the Chamber of Deputies of the Romanian Parliament. He exercised this function until 2000. He was a Member of the Romanian Parliament from 1996 until his arrival in the European Parliament in Brussels. From 1997 to 2006, he was the Vice-President of the Social Democratic Party.

Next to his political career, Mr. Pașcu has been a Professor of International Relations at the National School of Political and Administrative Studies since 1990. From 1990 to 1996, he was the Dean of the Faculty of International Relations of this National School. From 2004 to 2009, he took up the Chair of International Relations at the same institute.

Professor Pașcu is a member of the Strategic Advisors Group of the US Atlantic Council of the International Institute for Strategic Studies (London, since 1993) and of the consultative committee of the Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (Geneva, since 2002). He seated in the academic advisory board of the NATO College in Rome (2006-2008) and was part of the SACEUR Mentor Group (2006-2009).

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Brigadier Jon Mullin

Brigadier Jon Mullin is currently the Capabilities Director of the European Defence Agency. He was posted from the British Army to the European Defence Agency as a temporary agent in January 2008.

A career officer since 1975, and a Royal Engineer by origin, over the past 21 years he has served in the full range of staff posts focused on delivering military capability (Sponsor, User and Provider), interspersed with commanding operational units at squadron and regimental level.

Twice awarded a national level honour, he has significant operational experience ranging from serving in Northern Ireland (1979) in the infantry role, the Falklands War (1982) as a Parachute Engineer Troop Commander, and the Balkans (1999) as Commanding Officer 28 Engineer Regiment.

He has also provided UK based direct support to operations in Rwanda, Afghanistan and Iraq in a range of influential appointments. Prior to the European Defence Agency, he was the Assistant Director for Force Protection in the UK MOD Directorate of Joint Capability.

He holds a Natural Sciences degree from Cambridge University and he is a Fellow of the Institution of Civil Engineers.

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**Senior Captain
Bart Smedts**

Senior Captain Bart Smedts was born in Ixelles on 24 October 1966.

He began his military career at the Royal Military Academy from 1984 until 1989, where he graduated in social and military sciences.

He joined the Control and Reporting Centre in Glons where he obtained his certification of intercept controller in 1990 leading to the Master Controller certification in 1997.

Meanwhile he completed a short college programme in biotechnology and obtained a master's degree in chemistry at the Free University of Brussels in 2001 (VUB). From 1997 until 2005 he joined the Royal Military Academy as professor assistant mathematics and chemistry where he was head of the laboratory forensic explosives analysis. He then joined the Defence Laboratories (DLD-Peutie) to start up the Federal Orientation Laboratory in the framework of measures against CBRN-threats.

In 2008, he joined the Royal Higher Institute for Defence as research fellow in the Department for Security and Defence Studies. His fields of interest range from proliferation issues to critical infrastructure, cyber defence and emergency planning.

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Dr Luis Simón

Dr Luis Simón was born in 1981.

He finished his PhD thesis entitled “Between conflict and cooperation: International change, National Grand Strategy and CSDP-NATO (2001-2009)” in 2010 at the Royal Holloway University in London. Before, he earned a master in European Politics, a post graduate degree in “Security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region”, a bachelor in International Relations and a master in Communication and Marketing.

He was a teaching assistant of international relations at the University of London from September 2006 until February 2008. In 2009 he stayed at the EU Institute for Security Studies in Paris as a visiting fellow. After a new short stay at London University he became a post-doctoral researcher in European Security and Defence Policy at the Institute for European Studies at the Free University of Brussels and this since October 2010. At the same time he became the co-ordinator of the security and defence programme at the *Fundación Alternativas* in Madrid.

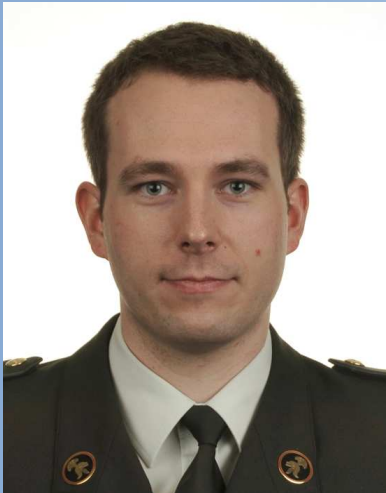
Other past functions include: guest researcher at the Royal United Services Institute (RUSI) in London; visiting fellow at the Center for Transatlantic Relations of Johns Hopkins University in Washington, D.C.; guest researcher at the *Fondation pour la Recherche Stratégique* in Paris and visiting fellow at the European Policy Centre in Brussels.

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**Captain
Pieter-Jan Parrein**

Captain Pieter-Jan Parrein was born on 23 June 1981 in Roeselare.

He has a Master in Social and Military Sciences at the Royal Military Academy and a Master in International Relations and Diplomacy at the University of Antwerp.

He started his military career in 1999 at the Royal Military Academy to become a platoon commander of the Engineer Corps (Construction) in 2005.

Since April 2007 he has been a researcher for the Royal Higher Institute for Defence with special interest in security in the Middle East (Israel, Lebanon), gender and defence, Belgian defence politics and European military cooperation.

His latest work is an elaborated study on the Belgian-Dutch Navy cooperation that tries to analyse different integration dynamics and has to be seen in the framework of the current efforts for more military cooperation within the Benelux.

Captain Parrein also organised numerous conferences, expert meetings and colloquia for the Royal Higher Institute for Defence and the Belgian Defence.

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Brigadier General Alain Rouceau

Brigadier General Alain Rouceau was born in 1960 and joined the French Air Force Academy in Salon de Provence in 1979. He got his Transport Pilot Wings in 1983. From 1990 until 1992, he was Deputy Commander, after which he assumed the position of Squadron Commander of the Transport Squadron 00.088 in Djibouti, Africa. He continued his career as Squadron Commander, 1 /59 Bigorre, Evreux in France in 1992.

In 1994, he took a one-year course study at the Canadian Forces Command and Staff College in Toronto, Canada. In 1995, he served as Deputy Commander of the 61st Transport Wing in Orléans, France and from 1996 as Squadron Commander of the Transport Squadron, 1 /61 Touraine, in Orléans, France.

In 1998, he became Chief of the Europe and North America division – International Affairs, Air Staff in Paris. In 2000, he joined the European Union Section – International Affairs – as member of the Joint Staff in Paris. In 2001, he enrolled at the National War College, the National Defence University in Washington DC, the United States, where he became MSc in national security strategy. He then continued his career as Air Attaché at the Embassy of France in Washington DC.

In 2005 he assumed the position of Base Commander, Salon de Provence AFB in France for a period of three years. In 2008, he was Deputy Assistant of the Deputy Chief of the Air Staff, management, finances and budget, Air Staff, in Paris, France.

In August 2010, he was promoted to the rank of Brigadier General and was offered the position of Chief of Staff / Deputy Commander, the first in line, of the European Air Transport Command (EATC) in Eindhoven, the Netherlands.

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Major Erik Van de Schoor

Major Erik Van de Schoor was born in Lier (Belgium) on 25 May 1964. He concluded his studies at the Royal Military Academy in 1987 with an MSc (Eng) degree after having successfully defended a thesis on the reflection of high frequency electromagnetic radiation on different shapes and types of materials.

In 1988, Lieutenant Erik Van de Schoor went to Brasschaat to attend an artillery perfection course and then to Germany to serve as a battery firing officer at the 6th Belgium artillery battalion. After two years, he returned to Brasschaat to the Artillery School, where he served as a technical advisor for five years. After having successfully completed the Candidate Senior Officer Course at the Royal Higher Institute for Defence in 1997, he was assigned to a technical unit to perform control and evaluation testing for the procurement of new weapon systems. He was promoted to the rank of major in December 2000.

From November 2001, he served at the General Staff of the section Research and Technology, where he was, among other things, a member of the SC (Steering Committee) of the CEPA (Common European Priority Area) groups in the WEAG (Western European Armaments Group) structure.

From May 2007 onwards, Major Van de Schoor has been working at the Royal Higher Institute for Defence to help planning the national and international scientific research programmes in Belgium.

He is a member of the NATO RTO Information System Technology (IST) panel and since September 2005, he has also been assuming the role of Belgian RTO national coordinator. He has been assigned as a CapTech National Coordinator (CNC) to a number of research areas in the EDA R&T Directorate.

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Colonel Kris Dewilde

Colonel Kris Dewilde graduated in 1983 from the Royal Military Academy, Polytechnics Division. After his military professional training he served with the 14th Artillery Battalion (1984-1987) as System Maintenance Officer.

From 1987, he participated as an assistant to the program officer, in the industrial and tactical qualification of the MISTRAL infrared guided fire-and-forget anti-aircraft missile in France. After having successfully completed the Candidate Senior Officer Course (1991-1992), he was assigned program officer for MISTRAL and related systems.

Having completed the Advanced Staff Course in 1997-1998, he became an advisor of the Belgian National Armaments Director. He worked out the first EU NADs meeting held on 7 November 2001 under the Belgian EU presidency. Colonel Dewilde prepared the Belgian OCCAR membership (start in May 2003).

In 2004 he was a member of the Agency Establishment Team preparing the creation and the implementation of the European Defence Agency. Since begin 2006 he has been the Deputy NAD coordinating the Belgian position in all international armaments organisations (CNAD, EDA, EU and OCCAR). He is the Belgian OCCAR FTPC representative but is also heavily involved in EDA as the Belgian NAD point of contact. He actively contributes to the armaments cooperation projects Belgium is participating in: A400M, ATHENA, MUSIS, NH90 and AEJPT. He is currently the chairman of the AEJPT Policy Group preparing a possible transfer of the project from EDA to OCCAR .

After being an auditor of the SERA 12 and STAMP 1, he has been the Belgian Study Councillor for SERA (Session européenne des responsables d'armement) since 2000.

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Wing Commander Andrew Gray

Andy Gray joined the RAF in 1985 and is a Qualified Helicopter Instructor and a Qualified Helicopter Tactics Instructor.

He commanded Puma operations in Northern Ireland and Belize and the UK Chinook deployment to IFOR. On the ground, he served in the Directorate of Air Operations, involved in strategic planning for operations in Sierra Leone and Kosovo.

He has a Master's degree in Defence Studies from King's College, London and served as an Assistant Professor in Military Strategic Studies at the USAF Academy as well as instructing on the UK Command and Staff Course.

On his return from the academic world, he commanded the Joint Helicopter Force (Iraq), a unit with 22 aircraft from 3 nations and 5 Services. His last operational tour was as the Chief of Staff, 904th Expeditionary Air Wing, Kandahar, Afghanistan, equipped with Harriers, Hercules and Reaper UAV.

He returned from Afghanistan in August 2008, when he joined EDA as the Helicopter Projects Manager.

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Colonel Eric Kalajzic

Born in Liège on 7 October 1964, Colonel Eric Kalajzic graduated from the Royal Military Academy in 1986 (122th promotion “all branches”).

At the beginning of his career, he worked on platoon and company/squadron level for reconnaissance, infantry and armoured units and worked for the Armoured Troops Reconnaissance School (Stockem – Belgium) both as an instructor and as a deputy director. Between November 1994 and February 1995, he was deployed with his squadron to Eastern Slavonia (Beli Monastir - Croatia) within BELBAT VIII. He worked for the staff of the Armoured Cavalry School at Leopoldsburg (Belgium) during four years before following the Advanced Command and Staff Course at the Royal Defence College (Brussels). In August 2002, he was appointed as a Commanding officer of the *4^e régiment de chasseurs à cheval* (4th Light Horse Regiment) stationed in Altenrath (Germany).

From February until July 2004, Major Kalajzic was appointed as a Force Protection Commander of the Kabul International Airport with a 350 men strong Belgian-Luxembourg detachment.

In September 2004, he joined the Royal Defence College (Brussels) as a military teacher and coordinator of the Advanced Command and Staff Course within the Security and Defence Department. In 2005, he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. At the end of August 2006, he was appointed Chief of Staff of the 7th Brigade and commanding officer of the Headquarters of the 7th Brigade - 2nd Chasseurs.

In September 2008 he followed the International Training Course in Security Policy at the Geneva Centre for Security Policy. Thereafter he joined the Royal Higher Institute for Defence as the deputy director of the Department High Defence Studies. In December 2009, he was promoted to the rank of colonel and became director of the department.

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Mr Hans-Bernard Weisserth

Mr Hans-Bernard Weisserth coming from the CSDP Task Force in the Policy Unit of the former High Representative for the Common Foreign and Security Policy, Javier Solana, is currently working in the European External Action Service / Crisis Management and Planning Directorate (CMPD), and in this context he is acting Head of the European Security and Defence College (ESDC).

Before taking up his post in the Policy Unit in November 1999, he was a career General Staff Officer (German Armed Forces). He graduated from Bundeswehr University in Munich (Education & Sciences), the General Staff Officer Course at the *Führungsakademie Bundeswehr* in Hamburg (1984-1986) and the *Hogere Krijgsschool* in The Hague (1988-1990) and subsequently performed various planning functions at operational and strategic level in the German Armed Forces.

Since 1993, he has performed various functions in the field of European Security and Defence Policy at different levels: Western European Union Planning Staff in Brussels (1993-1996); Assistant National Military Representative to the WEU and NATO in Brussels (1996-1998); German Ministry of Defence, Security and Defence Policy Division in Bonn and Berlin (1998/1999).

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**Captain (Navy)
Cesare Ciocca**

Captain Ciocca has been serving in the Italian Defence Academy (CASD) as Joint education coordinator, since 3 May 2007. Currently he is also Chairman of the ESDC Executive Academic Board and Chairman of the Implementation Group for the European Initiative on the exchanges of young officers in their basic education, inspired by Erasmus (the so-called “Military Erasmus”).

Since February 2004 he has been involved in the conception and organisation of the European Security and Defence College (ESDC) and its training activities, as Faculty of the ESDP High Level Courses, Member of the Executive Academic Board and deputy Member of the Steering Committee. In this field he advises the Education Office in the Italian General Staff and the Italian Permanent Representation to the Political Security Committee (PSC) of the EU.

Captain Ciocca has been serving in CASD since 1994, acting as head of curriculum planning and development in the Joint Services Staff College until February 2008 and CASD Action Officer for the Conference of Commandants. In his positions he has acquired a specific experience and expertise in educational and learning processes, organisation of colleges, methods for improving quality and effectiveness, international cooperation and outreach activities. He was previously appointed in the Navy General Staff as Head of the Section “NCO and conscripts education” for 3 years and Head of the Naval Attaché Office for 1 year.

Next to his professional education that he followed in the Naval Academy in Livorno, the *École Supérieure de Guerre Interarmées* in Paris, the *Institut des Hautes Etudes de Défense Nationale* in Grenoble (FR), and at the ESDC, he has a master in “International and Diplomatic Sciences” from the University of Trieste.

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Dr Jochen Rehrl

Dr Jochen Rehrl was born in 1970 in Salzburg, Austria.

He has earned a degree of Doctor of Laws (Mag.Dr.Iur.) and a master in Journalism at the universities of Salzburg and Vienna in Austria. He also has a master of Advanced International Studies of the Diplomatic Academy of Vienna. He further participated in the European Security and Defence College, NATO Defence College, the Academia Diplomatica Europaea and the Summer School of the International Red Cross.

After working at the District and Federal Court of Salzburg and as a Desk Officer for Tax Consultancy, he started his career in the fields of European Defence as a CIMIC Officer for KFOR and this from August 2000 until June 2001. From 2001 until 2004, he was Desk Officer "CFSP/CSDP" for the Austrian Ministry of Defence. Afterwards he became a Political Advisor of the Austrian Military Representation and this until he started to work for the EU-Council General Secretariat/Policy Unit in 2008.

Since August 2008, Dr Rehrl has been Head of the "Defence Policy" Unit at the Ministry of Defence and Sports and since March 2010 he has been the Austrian representative in the Steering Committee of the ESDC.

He is also the co-editor of the handbook on CSDP (ESDP) that is used by the European Security and Defence College.

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Admiral (Ret) Willy Herteleer

Admiral Willy Herteleer joined the Brussels Royal Cadet School in 1957 and the Merchant Navy Academy in 1960, with commission in the Belgian Navy in 1962. From 1963 to 1968, Ensign W. Herteleer served on several mine-sweepers and specialised in maritime mine warfare in 1970. Lieutenant W. Herteleer attended the Belgian War College in Brussels and the *École Supérieure de Guerre Navale* in Paris in 1972/1974.

In 1975 he commanded a Coastal Minesweeper and in 1978 an Ocean Minesweeper/Hunter each time in the Standing Naval Force Channel and the frigate *Westdiep* in 1985/86. In 1987 as Chief of Staff of the Naval Operational Command he was involved in the *Herald of Free Enterprise* rescue operations and in the start of the operations of the first Gulf war.

Captain W. Herteleer commanded the Belgian-Dutch Mine Warfare School in Ostend in 1987/89 and was appointed Commander Naval Operations in 1990. As such he was responsible for the Belgian ships in the second Gulf war to free Kuwait in 1990/91. He was promoted Rear-Admiral in March 1992 and appointed Chief of Naval Staff 1 January 1993.

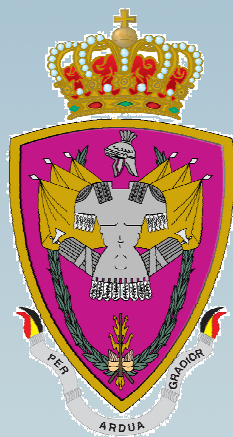
Promoted to Vice Admiral, he was appointed Chief of the General Staff on 1 October 1995, (renamed Chief of Defence on 1 January 2002). Vice Admiral Herteleer was granted with the rank of Admiral on 14 January 2002. In this position he was the Belgian authority in charge of operations in East-Slavonia (UNPROFOR and UNTAES), in Bosnia (UNPROFOR, IFOR, SFOR), in Kosovo (AIR CAMPAIGN, KFOR) and in Central Africa (1996/1997 and 2001).

Admiral Herteleer retired on 1 January 2003. Since then, he has been involved with Allied Command Transformation as Senior Concept Developer and in 2005, he became President of the Royal Work IBIS. Next to this, he is the current President of EURODEFENSE-BELGIUM.



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