



EURODEFENSE

PRESIDENTS COUNCIL

THE HAGUE – Friday 11 October 2013

Chairing : EuroDéfense-Nederland

Statement of decisions

(initial drafting-28 10 2013- not yet approved by the Presidents)

Encl : 1.- Attendance list of the Council meeting in The Hague.

2.- List of the European working groups (EWGs)-(ed.28 10 2013).

3 - Planning of EURODEFENSE activities (ed. 28.10.2013).

The Council very much regrets that EuroDéfense-Grèce, Italia, Luxembourg, Magyarország and Romania cannot be present in The Hague and attend the Presidents Council meetings. It gets especially worried on ED-Magyarország keeping silent.

1.- Approval of the Statement of the Council decisions in Paris

The Statement of decisions – dated 3 May 2013- of the Presidents Council of 17 and 19 April 2013 in Paris is approved without any amendment.

2.- EURODEFENSE organisation and internal functioning.

2.1.- EURODEFENSE Presidency 2014.

In accordance with the article 4.1 of the Charter, the President of EuroDéfense-Deutschland will be in charge of the network Presidency from the 1st of January 2014 ; he will co-chair the “Spring Council” 2014 in Grèce with the President of EuroDéfense-Grèce..

2.2.- National associations.

2.2.1.- EuroDéfense-Deutschland.

President Reschke gives notice that he is going to leave the association soon ; he introduces his likely successor, the Admiral (ret) Lutz Feldt, who might be elected in November 2013.

2.2.2.- EuroDéfense-Italia

Ambassador Calamia has let know that he is carrying out temporarily the lead of the association until a new President and a new Secretary general will be appointed.

2.2.3.- EuroDéfense-Magyarország.

The Council requests again that the Secretary general, and all the members who could do it, do everything to restore the links with EuroDéfense-Magyarország.

2.2.4.- EuroDéfense-Portugal.

President Lopès gives information on the links developed by his association with the Ministry of Defence and with the University in order to get a stronger support.

2.3.- Partnership.

The Council acknowledges the aims – set out by Jan Wind, President of EDTA (Federation of European Defence Technology Associations) – carried out by that association with a possible partnership with EURODEFENSE. The Secretary general is requested to work with Jan Wind on writing such an agreement.

2.4.- Extension.

2.4.1.- Czech Republic.

Ascertaining the interest of Dušan Švarc, Czech representative of the “Defence and Security Industry Association”, to EURODEFENSE, the Council tasks the Secretary general to complete his knowledges on the network in view of a possible creation of a Czech branch of EURODEFENSE.

2.4.2.- Other contacts.

The advanced contacts with *Poland* and *Lithuania* have not come out yet in establishing EuroDéfense associations. The Secretary general is requested by the Council to maintain the current contacts while waiting for propitious conditions. ED-Austria might try to develop contacts towards Poland.

On another hand, in accordance with the extension policy specified at the Bucharest meeting, the Council agrees to the search of contacts with Bulgaria and to the development of those with Finland and Sweden. It acknowledges the failure of the tries towards Cyprus.

2.5.- EURODEFENSE website.

The Council notes :

- the state of the works for implementing the decisions taken in Paris (efforts on the network home page development and establishment of links towards the national associations websites – *ED-France*) ;
- the interest shown by some associations for the “social networks” (*ED-UK*, *ED-France*), interest to be confirmed later on.

On another hand, it approves again the recommendation of the permanent working group of nominating a “*internet corresponding member*” in every association, what is a recurrent request since several years.

2.6.- Work proceedings – Writing of the EURODEFENSE reports.

If the writing of a network report to be “exported” does not meet the consensus of the 13 associations, the cover letter signed by the network President “in chair” has to take the disagreement into account but no other document is to be attached to the report.

2.7.- Communication - information - visibility.

2.7.1.- Directory

Only a few associations have sent the necessary data ; therefore, the directory 2013 has not been edited. The Council approves the Secretary general proposal to prepare the 2014 version, but only whether the national associations provide the Secretary general with their update no later than the end of June.

2.7.2.- Flag EURODEFENSE.

Due to the reserves expressed by ED-Nederland, the project is suspended temporarily.

2.7.3.- European Award for “Citizen ship, Security and Defence”.

The deadline for application is Thursday 31 October.. The Council encourages ED-España and ED-Portugal to present the file of the V° Young Europeans EURODEFENSE Conference (Toledo – July 2013) which is a good example of promoting the European citizenship (*cf. below § 4.1.2*)..

3.- Works of the EURODEFENSE network.

3.1.- EWGs – European working groups (*encl. 2*)

3.1.1.- Groups in progress

- **EWG 11bis** (ED-España) – “**Consequences of the 2011 Arab upheavals on EU Defence and Security**”.
The General Federico Yaniz Velasco is leading the survey. The works will be carried out with the follow-up of the situation development in the Mediterranean Basin. The next assessment will be done no later than 20 November 2013 ; a draft report will be submitted no later than early February 2014.
- **EWG 17** (ED-UK) – “**Cybersecurity**”.
The group leader is Nick Watts. The comments of ED-Belgium on the draft dated 30 August 2013 and the draft report dated 3 October will be distributed straight now to all the associations for their comments. The draft of the final report will be submitted early December 2013.
- **EWG 18 bis** – Carrying out of the works on EDEM-EDTIB.
The aim is to clarify the conditions of implementing the Commission Instructions : article 3.4.6, export licence, offset....The exact mandate is to be proposed by ED-France which is requested to lead the group.

3.1.2.- New group : EWG 19 – “Maritime dimension of the CSDP”.

As a continuation of the reports on that subject (Ana Gomès, ED-France, ED-Belgium) and following a proposal of ED-Deutschland, the Council has decided the creation of the **EWG 19**. That group will be led by ED-Deutschland which will propose the exact wording of the mandate quickly. The interested associations will send their contributions no later than late November 2013. The draft of the final report will be submitted no later than 30 January 2014.

3.2.- Works ahead.

3.2.1.- Assessment of the European Council meeting of December 2013.

Instead of a survey proposed by ED-France on the possibility to elaborate an “*European White Book*”, the Council decides to work on the assessment of the follow-up of the European Council meeting of December 2013 on Defence issues. That subject might be discussed at the next EURODEFENSE meeting in spring 2014.

3.2.2.- Comparison of the defence efforts of the European countries.

Again, the Council underlines the great interest of this yearly ED-France survey. ED-France is kindly requested to carry on the 2014 up-date of it. It is reminded that the contributions from the national associations are welcome, in particular by conveying the relevant data related to their own country.

4.- Main activities EURODEFENSE 2013 – 2016.

4.1.- Year 2013.

4.1.1.- Contribution to the preparation of the European Council of December 2013.

The actions decided in the Council meeting of April 2013 in Paris have been implemented. Some of the letters sent to Brussels have caused interested replies which demonstrate that EURODEFENSE begins to be known. Therefore the Council decides to carry out that sort of actions for important occasions.

4.1.2.- V° Young Europeans EURODEFENSE Conference – Toledo – July 2013.

The Council conveys its satisfaction and its warm congratulations to ED-España and ED-Portugal for the outstanding organisation of this event which gathered about 80 European youth from 10 different countries during one week. The comments from the participants are unanimously excellent.

Thus the Council wishes that it will be possible to organize again this event which is normally biennial ; the next one should be run in 2015. The associations are requested to look for a possible organisation.

4.1.3.- Autumn 2013 Council meeting – ED-Nederland.

The Council does thank ED-Nederland to have agreed and welcomed this Autumn Council meeting in spite of the current material difficulties. It especially thanks because the proper Council meeting has been remarkably completed by the one-day symposium of 10 October on the topic “*Europe as a Security and Defence Actor*”, and by the interesting visit of TNO.

4.1.4.- Activities of the national associations.

- **EuroDéfense-Austria** will organize an “European Forum” on 8 November.
- On the 15th of November 2013, **EuroDéfense-France** is organising in Paris a symposium on “*Towards an European White Book*”. All the EuroDéfense associations are invited to participate.
On another hand, the association is going to establish a partnership with the “European Movement-France” chaired by JM Cavada, a member of the European Parliament.

The Secretary general reminds the national associations which organize public events (conference, symposiums, etc...) to inform the whole network.

4.2.- Year 2014.

4.2.1.- Topic of the year 2014.

The Council approves the topic proposed by ED-Deutschland in the prospect of the ICE 2014 : “*Future of the CSDP after the European Council of December 2013*”.

4.2.2.- XX° International Conference EURODEFENSE - (ICE 2014).

As announced at the Council meeting in Paris, the ICE 2014 will be organized in Berlin by ED-Deutschland in the last week of November, with the Autumn Council meeting.

4.2.3.- Spring Presidents Council 2014

ED-Grèce has confirmed that it wishes to take benefit of the Greek Presidency of the EU and organize this first 2014 meeting in accordance with the rules of the Charter - § 4.1.2.; it will be co-chaired by ED-Grèce and ED-Deutschland. If ED-Grèce could not do it, ED-Austria would agree to do it, subject to be informed no later than 15 December 2013.

4.3.- Planning 2013 – 2016.

The Council notes the call from the Secretary general to the Presidents for organising the network activities beyond 2015. Formerly, the planning was done 4 years ahead ; now, it is 1 year ahead only.

4.3.1.- Présidents Council :

- in 2014, EuroDéfense-Grèce,
- in 2015, EuroDéfense-Belgium (22-24 April)
- **in 2016, ?????????**

4.3.2.- International Conference EURODEFENSE - (ICE) :

- **in 2013, None**
- in 2014, EuroDéfense-Deutschland,
- **in 2015 & 2016, ???????????**

4.3.3.- Young Europeans EURODEFENSE Conference - (YEEC) :

- in 2013, EuroDéfense-Portugal and EuroDéfense-España
- **in 2015, ?????????**

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