

EURODEFENSE

PRESIDENTS' COUNCIL

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Chaired by: Eurodéfense-UK

List of decisions

(initial version-non approved by the presidents)

- Encl : 1.- Attendance list for the Council meeting in London.
2.- Planning of EURODEFENSE activities (*ed. 16 09 2017*).
3.- List of European working groups (EWGs) (*ed. 16 09 2017*).
4.- EURODEFENSE Network
5.- Defence effort (International comparison)

The Council regrets very much the absence of ED members from Greece, Luxembourg, Magyarorszag and Romania.

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

The List of decisions –dated 30 04 2017- of the Presidents' Council of 1st April 2017 in Vienna is approved with no amendment.

2.- EURODEFENSE organisation and functioning

2.1.- National associations.

2.1.1.- EuroDéfense-Italia

Professor Fabrizio W Luciulli had been invited to participate at the Presidents Council as an observer. Vice-president of the Italian North Atlantic Treaty Association, professor at the Italian higher defence studies centre(CASD), he is very much involved in defence matters. He has contacted ambassador

P. Calamia. The general Chief of Defense Staff is in favor to “recreate” EuroDefense-Italia. It should be done for the beginning of 2018.

2.1.2.- EuroDéfense-Grèce

President Theodossis Georgiu had apologized for not being able to participate at this Council where he had intended to be present.

2.1.3.- EuroDéfense-Luxembourg

Unfortunately, EuroDéfense-Luxembourg had not answered any attempts at making contact.

2.1.4.- EuroDéfense-Romania

President Liviu Muresan apologised for not being able to participate in the Council but wishes to stay linked via the net.

2.2.- Extension of the network.

2.2.1.-Poland

The polish senator Bodgan Klich , who have showed its interest for EURODEFENSE has been invited to participate as an observatory. He regretted not to be able to participate and let us know that he is still interested.

2.2.2-Finland

Mister Guy Lindstrom, former Finish secretary of the parliamentarian delegation to WEU Assembly, stay in contact with the net secretary general to try to create a finish association.

2.3.-Communication-Information

2.3.1.- Directory

The Secretary general confirmed that the 2017 edition of the directory is progressing in spite of secretarial difficulties.

3.- Activities EURODEFENSE 2017-2019.

3.1.- Meetings

3.1.1.- Spring 2018 Presidents’ Council

EuroDéfense-CZ confirms its invitation in Praha on the 24/26 May 2018.

3.1.2.-Young Europeans EURODEFENSE Conference(YEEC)

EuroDéfense-Belgium proposes to try to organize the conference in summer 2018. Contacts for organizing that are going to be taken soon with the recent authorities in place in Belgium.

3.1.3.-Autumn 2018 IME.

EuroDefense-Italia and EuroDefense-Belgium will try to organize the 2018 IME. Decision will be taken at the end of this year.

3.2.-Activities planned for after 2017 (see Annex 2)

3.2.1.- Presidents’ Council:

in 2018, EuroDéfense-CZ.

in 2019, EuroDéfense-Espana

in 2020 EuroDéfense-France

3.2.2.- International Meeting EURODEFENSE - (IME)

in 2018 ???

in 2019, EuroDefence-Austria

4.- Work in the EURODEFENSE network.

4.1- Permanent groups/Observatories

4.1.1- Mediterranean basin Observatory

EuroDéfense-Espana has presented a situation report. It will be posted on the website

4.1.2- EURODEFENSE website

. EuroDefense-France has presented its report. EuroDefense-UK and EuroD efense-France proposed some improvement:

- Use the social networks (Twitter and Facebook)
- Try to use DROPBOX for the reports building and put all the agreed documents on the website by creating links between existing sites; so it should be easier to look at those sites whose archives are updated.

4.1.3.- EWG 17 (ED-UK) “Cybersecurity”

The report proposing a “Code of conduct” was sent to the EU authorities in 2016. EuroDefense-UK has proposed to write a new mandate for a working group taking into account the presentation made at RUSI meeting.

4.1.4.- EWG22 (ED-Deutschland) Migrant and refugees

EuroD efense-France has presented a situation document. EuroDefense-Deutschland propose, in the next two months, a proposition document for the security domain.

4.1.5.- Arctic (ED-Deutschland)

EuroDefense-Deutschland will soon propose a situation document.

4.2.- EURODEFENSE Working Groups (EWGs)

4.2.1.- EWG 18 (ED-France) – EDEM – EDTIB

The EWG 18 report has been addressed to the EU authorities after the Paris Council, and receive an answer from the Commission. The Commission recognize the financing necessity on European funds for some Research and Development in the Defense industry domain.

EWG18 is closed, but EuroD efense-France keep in contact with some Commission members to keep an eye on the situation evolution.

4.2.2.- EWG20 (ED-AU) - EU-Russia relationship

. The report has been sent to the EU authorities last July.

EuroD efense-France is instructed to get in touch with the EEAS or the EU Council Secretariat to organize a an oral presentation, if possible with Mrs. Mogherini.

4.2.3.- EWG23 “Training and Simulation” (ED-NL)

After taking into account the amendments to the report agreed during the Council, EuroDefense-Nederland will circulate it under silence procedure.

4.2.4.- EWG24 “Permanent structured cooperation” (PESCO)(ED-FR)

The report proposing participation criteria to PESCO for Member States has circulated before the Council. ED-France will circulate the amended version under silence procedure in view to send it to Brussels as soon as possible.

4.3.- Studies in progress

4.3.1.-Comparison of national defense efforts

EuroD efense-France write the document for 2017 which is attached. It would be useful that national associations convey the relevant data of their own country to EuroD efense-France.

5.- Current European issues

5.1- Brexit

The President of EuroDéfense-UK reminds the British government will to go on working with EU on security and defense matters and to participate to all aspects of CSDP. (ref: government document dated 12th September)

5.2.- Commentaries on « EU Global Strategy »

After acknowledging the difficulties due to the very different perception of the threat (East or/and South threat ?) all associations are requested to look at the EU Global Strategy implementation with the view to debating at the next Praha Council.

6.- Any other business

In concluding the meeting, President Van Eekelen for the Council thanked EuroDefense-UK for the success of this London meeting, with its very warm welcome and excellent organization, and the very interesting RUSI conference on the arrival day.

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