EURODEFENSE WEBSITE
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1   Opportunity and objectives

James ELDER (EuroDéfense UK) took opportunity of a visit in Paris to present
suggestions for a data base, related to ESDP and ECSP.
The objective is to grant access to searchable documents through that
EURODEFENSE database.

2   Contents

2.1 General principles

The contents should be reports of public bodies and agencies such as yearly reports
about defence budgets from parliaments of Europe, reports from WEU, EP, NATO,
related to defence subjects.

The content will be existing documents, without any translation work for
EURODEFENSE: that would be too burdensome.

Any way if documents are presented in other European language (either executive
summary or press release) that presentation shall be posted too.

2.2 Examples

Yearly reports of Assemblée Nationale, Sénat, House of Lords, and House of commons devoted to defence budget

Reports of Cour des Comptes,
White Paper devoted to defence spendings….
See her after a first presentation of a search form.

3 Documents management

3.1 *Sample of possible sources*

Countries of European Union : up to 27, but possible to start with 6-8 countries,
European Union and its agencies
Western European Union

NATO
United Nations

3.2 *Size and number of documents*

The number of documents posted should not exceed 10 – 20 documents / month.

3.3 *Management rules*

Rules have to be set up :

- to select and post documents from private sources (such as company documents, think tanks documents)
- to decide the conditions to set up for a search engine : naming convention, limited list of metadata.
- to decide rules for archiving document from the web site.

4 Resources :

A 10000 £ amount has been foreseen :
- that amount needs to be challenged with a more advanced project
- a pilot project may be drafted (with contribution in kind from EURODEFENSE member companies)
That data base could be part of existing EURODEFENSE web site (or a specific web site if the number and size of documents and technical conditions require).

5 Next steps

Discussion (by mail) with other members of EURODEFENSE WEBSITE WORK GROUP : before July 3rd

Proposal by James ELDER for a pilot project : before July 10th

Drafting proposals for Secretaire Général EURODEFENSE (before Rencontres Internationales EURODEFENSE Luxembourg) : before July 30th .

6 Pitfalls to avoid

In order to post either documents, (under PDF format) or links, the choice will be to focus first upon public documents from public bodies, with which there no copyright problem, when indicating document source.

EXAMPLE PROVIDED BY James ELDER :

Search Form

Country	Australia	**Language**	English

Document Title		**Document Type**	Annual Accounts

Collection

Government	☐	**Parliament**	☐	**Legislation**	☐
Corporate	☐	**International Organisation**	☐	**Academic/NGO**	☐

Corporate Author	UK Minstry of Defence	Defence Bills Agency

Date	On	DD	MM	YYYY
Between	☐			

Free text		**Search for**	All words

NOTES
Country – to allow the selection of multiple countries

Language – only one language at a time may be selected

Document Title – text box

Document Type – to allow the selection of multiple document types

Collection – check boxes

Corporate Author – to allow multiple selections. There should be an option to pick multiple selections from the Corporate Author Two table

Dependency logic

Corporate Author One	**Corporate Author Two**
UK Ministry of Defence	All
	Defence Bills Agency

	Defence Communication Services Agency
US Department of Defense	All
	Business Transformation Agency
	Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency

Date – search exact date, "before", since" or "any"; logic YYYY; MMYYYY or DDMMYYYY only; can be left blank

Free Text – text box; should allow a search for "all words", "any words" & "exact phrase"

Results display

Sort by

Pub date (descending)		☐	Pub date (ascending)		☐

Title					
Country	Language	Corporate Author One	Corporate Author Two	Publication Year	Hyperlink

Ministry of Defence Police and Guarding Agency Annual Report and Accounts 2005-06

United Kingdom	English	Ministry of Defence	Ministry of Defence and Guarding Agency	2006	Hyperlink

The work of the committee in 2005 and 2006

United Kingdom	English	House of Commons	Defence Committee	2007	Hyperlink

Ministry of Defence Annual Report and Accounts 2005-06

United Kingdom	English	Ministry of Defence		2006	Hyperlink

NOTES

Should display 20 results per page
"next page" and "previous page" buttons will be needed
A "new search" button will be needed