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Defence Standardisation in EU – A Commission View

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Commission Policy

Objective:

- **Provide a background to Commission policy**
- **Current policy and actions**
- **Next Steps**

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Why is the Commission Involved?

A key aspect of Commission internal market policy

- **i.e. promote European competitiveness & smooth functioning of the Internal Market**
- **EU Regulation 1025/2012**
  - **New legal basis to support standardisation in EU**
  - **Mandates issued "within the limitations of the competences laid down in the Treaties"**

Commission involvement in defence standards

- Based on internal market competence
  - **Support for competitiveness**
  - **Develop internal market**

- Defence Procurement Directive (2009/81/EC)
  - **Article 18 – technical specifications**
  - **Sets out order of preference for use of standards**

Commission involvement in defence standards

- Desire to support European defence co-operation (CSDP)
  - **Interoperability & co-operation**
  - **Funded the 'Sussex Study' in 1999**
    - Standardisation reform needed to support market changes
    - European Handbook on Defence Procurement (EDSTAR)

Current Policy

- Communication: *towards a more competitive and efficient defence and security sector:*
  - **Hybrid Standards**
  - **Establish an enhanced approach to draft specific European standards**
  - **Promote European tools for selecting best practice standards in defence procurement**

'Hybrid standards'

- Commission Security Industrial Policy
  - **Considerable overlap between security & defence in technologies and downstream research**
  - **Development of hybrid standards**
  - **Key role for ESOs – M/487 develop roadmaps for:**
    - CBRNE
    - Crisis Management
    - Border Security

Hybrid Standards – Next steps

- Developing priority list for CBRNE & Crisis Management

- Launch standardisation activities – could include:
  - **New mandates**
  - **Work based on M/487**
  - **Research-related work for JRC under Horizon 2020**

Hybrid Standards – key issues

- Work is difficult and complex –
  - **same technologies - different customers**
- Close collaboration required with Defence community
  - **Important role for ESOs and the MSG**
- Potential long-term impact for Europe's industry
- Lessons to be learnt from defence experience (e.g. CBRNE)

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Enhancing EU defence standards

Preparation of "… roadmap for the development of defence industrial standards by mid-2014…"

- Important to have a body pro-actively supporting the use of common defence standards in the EU where appropriate
- CION can contribute with its experience and responsibilities
- MSG should have the central role

Key Principles

- No undermining of principle that standards are voluntary;
- No duplication of effort, especially with NATO;
- Member States have a central role;
- No heavy bureaucracy but effective mechanisms to ensure good consultation with relevant bodies especially CION, ESOs, EDA/MSG & NATO

Promoting Best Practice

Important Commission contribution

- Funded European Handbook for Defence Procurement
- Practical tool to support defence procurement managers
- Now transformed into EDSTAR managed by the EDA

Promotion – what more can be done?

Commission keen to do more:

- Need to take advantage of top-down political momentum e.g. European Council
- Support EDA to promote importance of standards
- Build on our hybrid standards where appropriate
- Use mandates to tackle gaps identified by MSG
- Ideas for further action welcome!

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Thank You!

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