Antonio ARMADA VÁZQUEZ
Procurement, Support, Industry & Interoperability Director

Major General Antonio Armada Vázquez took up his duties as Director for Procurement, Support, Industry & Interoperability at the European Defence Agency on 1 June 2026.

Since October 2025, he served as Director of the Army War and Leadership College in Madrid, overseeing the training and education of Spanish Army officers and non-commissioned officers across several campuses. In this capacity, he directed institutional relations with academic, political, and industrial stakeholders at national and international levels.

Prior to that, Maj.Gen. Armada Vázquez held several senior positions within multinational and European military structures, including Chief of the Support & Enabling Division at the Eurocorps Headquarters in Strasbourg (2023–2025). There, he directed multinational branches covering personnel, logistics, communications and information systems, finance, and medical support. He also served as Chief of Staff of the European Union Training Mission (EUTM) Somalia in Mogadishu (2022–2023), coordinating multinational staff efforts and acting as strategic advisor for the development of the Somali National Army.

Earlier in his career, Maj.Gen. Armada Vázquez served as Director of the Infantry Academy in Toledo (2019–2022), where he played a key role in strengthening the links between the military and the industrial sector. He was Head of the Spanish Liaison Office to the British Army in the United Kingdom (2016–2019), and Staff Officer within the Spanish Army Planning Division (2010–2013), contributing to the Ejército 2030 reorganisation plan.

Maj.Gen. Armada Vázquez held several multinational operational assignments under NATO and EU frameworks. As a General Staff officer, he deployed to Herat, Afghanistan, as Plans Officer for ISAF Regional Command West. Earlier, he served with the Spanish Legion's Special Operations Battalion, deploying to Bosnia and Herzegovina in command of Special Reconnaissance Patrols.

Maj.Gen. Armada Vázquez holds a Master of Arts in Defence Studies from King's College London and a Master's Degree in Security and Defence from the Complutense University of Madrid and CESEDEN. He graduated first in his class from the General Military Academy and completed advanced military courses in Spain and the UK.

His research has earned him "Spain's Defence Prize" twice (2006 and 2011). He was also awarded the "Hernán Pérez del Pulgar" Prize (2019) for his work on "Robotic and Autonomous Systems in the Army of the Future".

Maj.Gen. Armada Vázquez is fluent in Spanish, English, French, German and Italian. He is married and has five children.