

André Erich DENK Deputy Chief Executive



General André Erich Denk took up his duties as Deputy Chief Executive of the European Defence Agency on 1 February 2023.

General Denk was born on 20 October 1967 in Rotthalmünster. He joined the German Armed Forces in 1986. General Denk has a diploma in Mechanical Engineering. In addition he graduated from the German Command and General Staff College as well as from the French General Staff College.

He possesses comprehensive international expertise, in particular with regard to the EU, combining logistic and operational experience with capability planning and armaments with a holistic approach.

In his previous assignment as Director Logistics of the EU Military Staff he combined his expertise in logistical planning and employment at all levels of command; mission experience in key major alliances and organisations; military-political insights at the strategic level; and longstanding, extensive multinational staff expertise.

As commander of the Joint School for Logistics, he displayed a formidable comprehensive and in-depth understanding of national and international logistical and armament processes and procedures. Additionally, he commanded the Joint Logistics Support Group (JLSG) Coordination and Training Center, the core facility for training, exercises and certification of national and international joint logistics elements in Germany.

During his assignment as Branch Head in the DEU Army Concepts Capabilities Development Center, his responsibility encompassed all functional areas of logistics, while he contributed to the further development and armament of German Army Logistics in the areas of organization, concepts, doctrine, equipment, and training.

As desk officer and deputy branch head for planning-related issues to the state secretary at the Ministry of Defense, General Denk served in close proximity to the political strategic leadership and was responsible for German operations within EU/NATO/UN as well as force and resource planning and allocation for EU operations.

His academic background in combination with his technical skills and training set the ideal prerequisites for his assignment to the Army Concepts Capabilities Development Center, including the responsibility for drafting concepts for multinational headquarters, both at the operational and strategic level. With this conceptual, innovative and adaptive thinking, he contributed significantly to creating the conceptual basis for an EU military headquarters at operational and strategic level.

Multiple international deployments under the mandate of EU, UN and NATO provided General Denk with extensive insights into the multinational environment and multilateral organizations. During his most recent tour as chief of staff of the EU Training Mission in Mali, General Denk increased his already impressive intercultural competencies and gathered expertise in leading a multinational team in the field while under command of the EU.

Besides his excellent language skills in English and French, he is a native speaker of German and Serbo-Croatian. General Denk is married and has two children.