Key Strategic Activities at EU Level

- EDA has been tasked with the identification of Key Strategic Activities at EU level in 2016

- **EUGS IP:**
  - “EDA has to Identify the Key Strategic Activities (KSA) ... in order to promote and guide investment drawing on relevant EU funding instruments. Identifying and promoting KSA, including in a structured dialogue between Member States and Industry, is crucial to ensure an appropriate level of European strategic autonomy”.

- **EDAP:**
  - “the initiatives announced in this Action Plan will benefit from the work of the European Defence Agency (EDA), notably on the Capability Development Plan, R&T priorities and the Key Strategic Activities”
KSA – the concept

- Developed by the Agency, based on analysis of national defence industrial policies.

- Meant to materialize the notion of “Strategic Autonomy”.

- Based on the need to identify the “Activities” (skills, technologies, manufacturing capabilities) that must be safeguarded and supported on the EU soil.

- Expected result – increase in EU armed forces freedom of action.

- How to support the KSA? EDA will label those activities and deliver the information to the EC, to inform funding instruments supporting the defence sector (e.g. EDF, COSME, ESIF)

- KSAs to be identified out of OSRA and CDP priorities
EDA’s role in the prioritization at EU level

EU Global Strategy

EUGS IP (Council)

EDAP (Commission)

CDP/OSRA/KSA

- CDP – capability priorities
- OSRA – R&T priorities
- KSA – Strategic Autonomy

EDF – Capability Window

EDF - EDRP

Other instruments (ESIF, COSME...)

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State of Play – Identification of KSAs

- Based on OSRA exercise, KSA methodology is being applied to TBBs being considered as the most “KSA’s relevant”.

- **The KSA process applied to OSRA:**
  - Step 1: EDA Internal analysis (state of play of manufacturing capabilities, skills, technologies for every TBB)
  - Step 2: consultation with defence industrial sector
  - Step 3: presentation of draft results to R&T / NAD community
  - Step 4: presentation of results to EDA Steering Board

- **Same process will be applied to CDP priorities**