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.

 \geq 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







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

