EUROPEAN DEFENCE AGENCY: 20 YEARS PROMOTING EUROPEAN DEFENCE COOPERATION

EDA launches **maritime surveillance** project MARSUR

EDA establishes the **joint investment programme on force protection**

EDA signs Administrative Agreement to allow closer cooperation with **Norway** 🇳🇴

EDA produces first EU priorities for capability development. The **Capability Development Plan** (CDP) is approved by Ministers of Defence

EDA presents the **European defence research and technology strategy**

EDA launches the **European Air Transport Fleet** (ETAF) programme

EDA delivers the first harmonised **European Military Airworthiness Requirements**

EDA starts R&T programme on European **Unmanned Maritime Systems**

Croatia 🇭🇷 joins EDA

EDA signs an Administrative Agreement with **Serbia** 🇷🇸

EDA starts assisting EU's Ministries of Defence to move towards **green, resilient, and efficient energy models**

EDA starts promoting MoDs common interests in the framework of **Single European Sky**

EDA lays the basis for the development of the Airbus A330 multi-role aircraft fleet, including with **air-to-air refuelling**, which in 2023 is cleared for operations worldwide

EDA signs an Administrative Agreement with **Ukraine** 🇺🇦

EDA procures **Carl-Gustaf ammunition** on behalf of Member States

Creation of **PESCO**: EDA sets up the PESCO secretariat together with EEAS & EUMS

Ministers of Defence approve the **Long-Term Review** of EDA, reenforcing the Agency's role

EDA transfers its **European Air Transport** training to a new centre in Spain

EDA initiates the **aeromedical evacuation** (AIRMEDEVAC) services project worldwide

EDA produces the first overview of Member States' defence plans and programmes - the **Coordinated Annual Review on Defence (CARD)** - as a basis for joint projects

Denmark joins EDA 🇩🇰

EDA signs an Administrative Arrangement with the **United States Department of Defense** 🇺🇸

EDA transfers its **multinational helicopter programme** to the multinational helicopter training centre (MHTC) in Sintra, Portugal

EDA presents **22 EU capabilities development priorities** as the baseline for EU defence planning

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EDA **begins operations** in Brussels

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Bulgaria 🇧🇬 and **Romania** 🇷🇴 join EDA

EDA launches its Project Team **Personnel Recovery** to protect deployed armed forces

EDA holds its first multinational **helicopter training exercise**, in France

EDA signs an Administrative Agreement with **Switzerland** 🇨🇭

EDA's **EU SatCom Market** begins with first contract to source commercially available satellite communication services for Member States

EDA aids the European Union Force in Bosnia-Herzegovina, **Operation ALTHEA**, by contracting air-to-ground surveillance services

EDA establishes the **Overarching Strategic Research Agenda**

EDA aids coordinated European approach to **hybrid threats**, hosts its first table-top exercises

EDA's helicopter exercise **'Cold Blade'** takes place in the Arctic

EDA revises EU priorities for capability development with **2018 Capability Development Plan**

EDA awards its first **prizes for defence innovation** in support of emerging technology

Ministers of Defence establish the **Hub for EU Defence Innovation** (HEDI) within EDA

EDA begins managing projects of the **European Defence Fund**, which co-finances multinational defence projects using money from the EU's long-term budget

EDA celebrates 20th anniversary with **second Long-Term Review**, as Member States cement the Agency at the centre of EU defence collaboration, multinational training, and capability development

EDA delivers on its commitment to procure **155mm ammunition** on behalf of Member States and in support of Ukraine

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