

MARCH 26, 2019 – BUCHAREST, ROMANIA

CAPABILITY-DRIVEN DEFENCE RESEARCH AND INNOVATION CONFERENCE

A conference organised by EDA in cooperation with the Romanian Ministry of Defence under the auspices of the Romanian Presidency of the Council of the EU

08h00 Welcome coffee – Registration - Networking

09h00 **Opening Remarks**
Daniel Fiott, Conference Moderator

09h20 **Keynote speech**
Jorge Domecq, EDA Chief Executive

09h40 **Keynote speech**
Gabriel-Beniamin Leş, Minister of National Defence, Romania

10h00 **Keynote Speech**
Ioan Mircea Paşcu, Vice-President of the European Parliament

10h30 **PANEL SESSION 1**

Prioritisation instruments for defence research

Denis Roger, EDA Director of Research Technology and Innovation

Andrei Ignat, State Secretary and Chief of the Department of Armaments

Gabriele Fioni, Director of international cooperation and Deputy Director of CEA-Tech, EARTO Representative

Christian Munzinger, R&T Director Airbus Defence & Space

The aim of this panel is to discuss the prioritisation instruments for defence research, technology and innovation. It will aim at highlighting the fusion that can be achieved on research priorities at national and European level as well as the link that can be envisioned with existing and new funding instruments. In this respect, the interrelationships and the advances in CARD, CDP/SCC, OSRA and KSA will be discussed.

12h00 Lunch and Networking

13h30 **PANEL SESSION 2**

The European Defence Fund and the impact on defence research

Sylvia Kainz-Huber, Head of Unit Defence 2, DG GROW, European Commission

Ralf Schnurr, R&T Director, Federal Ministry of Defence, Germany

Christian Bréant, VP, Director Advanced Studies, THALES, ASD Defence Research and Technology Committee

Dirk Tielbuerger, Deputy Director and Head of EU-funded Defence Research Unit

This panel will provide an overview of the latest developments of the European Defence Fund and its impact on future defence capability, research and innovation prospects. The synergies between capability and research in the framework of the EDF, as well as new opportunities and challenges will be discussed.

15h00 Coffee break

15h45 **PRESENTATION SESSION 3**

Presentation of flagship R&T collaborative defence research projects

Panagiotis Kikiras, Head of Technology and Innovation Unit, EDA

Shahzad Ali, CapTech CBRN & HF Officer, EDA

Guillermo Gonzalez Muñoz de Morales, Head of the Foresight Area, ISDEFE

EDA has since its inception enabled collaborative defence research with a portfolio of more than 250 projects and 1 billion euros in value. This session aims at showcasing some EDA projects that are funded under various instruments, sharing lessons learned and best practices that can enable and inspire future collaborative defence research opportunities for the Member States, Industry, Academia and other stakeholders.

17h15 **Closing Remarks**

Denis Roger, EDA Director of Research Technology and Innovation

17h45 End of the conference

18h15 **Official Dinner (Palace of Parliament)**

21h00 Hosted by State Secretary for Armaments, **Mr Andrei Ignat**