

POWERING UP EUROPEAN DEFENCE

EDA ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2023: Powering up European Defence

08h15 Registration & Coffee

09h05 **Welcome address**
Jiří Šedivý, Chief Executive, European Defence Agency

09h10 **Opening speech: Bolstering EU defence: delivering together on the Versailles agenda**
Charles Michel, President of the European Council

09h30 **Keynote speech: A Member State perspective – Cyprus**
Michalis Giorgallas, Minister of Defence, Cyprus

09h40 **Panel session: EU capability development priorities for a stronger EU defence**

In light of the strategic changes witnessed in the EU's overall security environment since Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine and the revision of the EU Capability Development Plan, high-level panelists discuss where the emphasis should lie to prepare for future conflicts.

Nathalie Loiseau, Chair of the European Parliament Subcommittee on Security and Defence

Jiří Šedivý, Chief Executive, European Defence Agency

Christian Mölling, Deputy Director, German Council on Foreign Relations

Moderator: **Steven Everts**, Director, European Union Institute for Security Studies

10h20 **Keynote speech: Belgium's defence priorities for the upcoming Presidency of the Council of EU**
Ludvine Dedonder, Minister of Defence, Belgium

10h40 Coffee break

11h05 **Next-generation capabilities: the end-user perspective**
Lieutenant General Michiel van der Laan, Director General, European Union Military Staff

11h10 **Panel session: Towards next-generation capabilities**

Preparing for warfare in 2040 must be a joint EU effort, reaching deep into innovation networks, research and development inside capability technology groups, and foresight analysis. In this panel we hear from European defence industry and senior military representatives.

Lieutenant General Michiel van der Laan, Director General, European Union Military Staff

Eric Béranger, Chief Executive Officer, MBDA Missile Systems

Lieutenant General Javier Fernández, Military Representative to the EU and NATO, Spain

Camille Grand, Distinguished Policy Fellow, European Council on Foreign Relations (ECFR)

Andrea Masini, Chief Executive Officer, Flysight

Moderator: **Stefano Cont**, Director Capability, Armament and Planning, European Defence Agency

12h05 Technical break

12h15 **Keynote address: Defence in the geopolitical Commission**
Ursula von der Leyen, President of the European Commission

POWERING UP EUROPEAN DEFENCE

BRUSSELS + ONLINE

- 12h45 **Head of Agency address: Powering up European defence**
Josep Borrell Fontelles, Head of the European Defence Agency, HRVP
-
- 13h15 Lunch
-
- 14h20 **The Ukrainian perspective**
- After over 21 months of resisting Russia's full-scale war of aggression against Ukraine, members of the Ukrainian government share how their country contributes to the defence of the rules-based order in Europe and how to address their long-term security needs.
- Ukraine's contribution to European security and defence** (Video)
Lieutenant General Ivan Havryliuk, Deputy Defence Minister for Military Technical Policy, Ukraine
- Building the arsenal of the free world: partnering in Ukraine's defence industry**
Oleksandr Kamyshin, Minister of Strategic Industries, Ukraine
- 14h50 **Panel session: From bottlenecks to capital access: supporting and sustaining the EDTIB**
- Adapting to a high-intensity conflict in Ukraine has brought new pressures on Europe's Defence Technological and Industrial Base (EDTIB). This panel debate will discuss if Europe has a joint capability problem, if it can be overcome and whether developing, procuring, and operating together is still the primary aspiration of European defence.
- Antoine Bouvier**, Head of Strategy, Mergers and Acquisitions, Airbus
Radka Konderlová, Director-General for Industrial Cooperation, Ministry of Defence, Czechia
Wendy Gilmour, Assistant Secretary General for Defence Investment, NATO
Zdzisław Krasnodębski, MEP and co-rapporteur EDIRPA, European Parliament
Timo Pesonen, Director General, DG DEFIS, European Commission
- Moderator: **André Denk**, Deputy Chief Executive, European Defence Agency
- 15h50 **EDA Defence Innovation Prize 2023**
Presented by **Jean-Francois Ripoche**, Director Research, Technology and Innovation, European Defence Agency
- 16h05 **Closing remarks**
Jiří Šedivý, Chief Executive, European Defence Agency
-
- 16h10 End of conference/Networking Drink