

Unlocking the Potential of European Defence Cooperation

New Opportunities for an Enhanced European Defence Industry

A conference co-organised by the Croatian Presidency of the Council of the European Union and the European Defence Agency

24 March 2020 – Hotel WESTIN, Izidora Kršnjavog 1, Zagreb, Croatia

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March 23rd 2020

--:-- Arrivals

--:-- Registration

(please look for registration tables at the hotel lobby)

20:00

Dinner

hosted by Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defence

Venue: Mimara Museum

Rooseveltov trg 5

Dress code: formal attire

March 24th 2020

08:00 *Welcome coffee and Registration*

09:00 Opening Remarks

Damir KRSTIČEVIĆ, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defence of Croatia

Olli RUUTU, Acting Chief Executive, European Defence Agency

09:30 Keynote addresses “SETTING THE SCENE FOR 2021 – 2027”

Andrej PLENKOVIĆ, Prime Minister of the Republic of Croatia

Josep BORRELL, High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs & Security Policy/
Vice-President of the European Commission and Head of the European Defence Agency
(TBC)

Thierry BRETON, Commissioner for Internal Market (TBC)

10:15 | *Coffee break*

10:30 | Panel SESSION 1

Defence (and) Industry – Does the European Defence Fund keep or remove the brackets?

Moderator: Daniel FIOTT, Security and Defence Editor, EU Institute for Security Studies

Panellists:

Timo PESONEN, Director General, Defence Industry and Space, European Commission

Zdravko JAKOP, State Secretary, Croatian Ministry of Defence

Olli RUUTU, Acting Chief Executive, European Defence Agency

Nathalie LOISEAU, European Parliament, Chair of SEDE Subcommittee (*TBC*)

Ioannis PAPACHRISTOFILOU, Vice President, Head of Sales Europe / Canada, Airbus Defence and Space

11:45 | Breakthrough speech

General Claudio GRAZIANO, Chairman, EU Military Committee

12:00 | *Lunch and Networking*

Parallel side-event: Croatian Defence/Military Industry Exhibition

13:15 | Panel SESSION 2

Innovation from SMEs for European Defence

Moderator: Claudia MAJOR, Senior Associate, Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik

Panellists:

Alain ALEXIS, Acting Director, Defence Industry, European Commission

Emilio FAJARDO, Director Industry, Synergies and Innovation, European Defence Agency

Arndt SCHOENEMANN, Chairman of ASD Supply Chain Commission, Managing Director, Liebherr Aerospace

Goran BASARAC, President of Croatian Defense Industry Competitiveness Cluster

Tomas ŽALANDAUSKAS, CEO, Baltic Institute of Advanced Technology

14:30 | *Coffee break*

15:00 Panel SESSION 3

Bringing Future Key Technologies from Civilian R&D to Defence – The Case of Artificial Intelligence

Moderator: Heiko BORCHERT, Managing Director, Borchert Consulting and Research

Panelists:

Jan PIE, Secretary General, AeroSpace and Defence Industries Association of Europe (ASD)

Jean-François RIPOCHE, Director Research, Technology and Innovation, European Defence Agency

Philippe MOUTTOU, AI Task Force lead in EOS, Co-project coordinator of AI4EU, Thales

Krešimir ĆOSIĆ, prof.dr.sci., LTG(ret.), President of Supervisory Board, State Agency Alan

Michael ILSBROUX, CEO, epic.blue

16:15 Address on Way Ahead

16:30 Closing Remarks

Tomislav RADOŠ, Vice President for Industry and Energy, Croatian Chamber of Economy

Zdravko JAKOP, State Secretary, Croatian Ministry of Defence

16:45 End of the conference