

# EUROPEAN DEFENCE MATTERS

the annual conference of the European Defence Agency

27 March 2014 - Moderator: Jacki Davis

8.30      **Registration & welcoming coffee**

09.30      **Welcome address** by Claude-France Arnould – Chief Executive of the European Defence Agency

09.45      **Keynote speech** by Dimitris Avramopoulos, Minister of Defence, Greece – Presidency of the European Union

10.00      **Keynote speech** by Roberta Pinotti, Minister of Defence, Italy

10.15      **Panel 1: European Defence Capabilities: Pool it or Lose it?**

*Europe needs to rethink the way it provides for future defence capabilities. Cooperation is the best way forward but in defence it is not a natural reflex. How far will Europe get through Pooling & Sharing? Are there alternatives? How can Europeans improve the availability of military capabilities necessary to deliver its security and defence responsibilities?*

Ine Eriksen Søreide, Minister of Defence, Norway

General Patrick de Rousiers, Chairman of the EU Military Committee

General Sverker Göranson, Chief of Defence, Sweden

Tim Rowntree, Director, OCCAR

Alexander Vershbow, NATO Deputy Secretary General

11.15 **Coffee Break**

11.45 **EDA Focus: The European Council – The 4 Key Capabilities**

by Peter Round, Director Capabilities, Armament, Technology of the European Defence Agency

12.00 **Panel 2: Securing the future through research & innovation**

*Defence industry is an engine for innovation, growth and jobs. But the decline in defence budgets has also led to a reduction in funding for research and innovation. European industry is still a world-leader in many cutting-edge technologies. The question is: for how long? What can Europe do to maintain a technological edge?*

Bernhard Gerwert, Chief Executive Officer, Airbus Defence & Space

Michael Gahler, Member of the European Parliament, Committee on Foreign Affairs & Subcommittee on Security and Defence

Holger Becker, Chief Executive Officer, Microfluidic ChipShop

Jenny Body, President, Royal Aeronautical Society

13.00 \*\*\*\*\* Walking Lunch \*\*\*\*\*

14.15 **Free debate: “Can EDA make a difference, and if so, how to convince European leaders to use it to the full?”**

Moderated by Graham Muir – Head of Strategy & Policy, European Defence Agency

Vincenzo Camporini, Vice President at Istituto Affari Internazionali

Sven Biscop, Professor & Director of the ‘Europe in the World programme’ at Egmont – the Belgian Royal Institute for International Relations

Anand Menon, Professor of European Politics & Foreign Affairs, Department of War Studies – King’s College

15.00 **Keynote speech** by Catherine Ashton – Head of the European Defence Agency, High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy & Vice-President of the European Commission

**15.15 Special session on European Defence Matters**

Pieter De Crem – Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Belgium

Bogdan Klich, Senator of the Republic of Poland & former Defence Minister

Claude-France Arnould – Chief Executive of the European Defence Agency

16.30 **End of programme**