



EURODEFENSE

PRESIDENTS COUNCIL

BUCHAREST

Tuesday 19 and Wednesday 20 June 2012

Co-chairing : Eurod efense-Espa na & Eurod efense-Romania

Statement of decisions

(initial drafting-02 07 2012- not yet approved by the Presidents)

- Encl : 1.- Attendance list of the Council meeting in Bucharest.
2.- Planning of EURODEFENSE activities (*ed. 02 07 2012*).
3.- List of the European working groups (EWGs)-(*ed. 02 07 2012*).

The Council offers its wishes of recovery to President Erich Hochleitner kept in Austria by health problems, and also to Balint Kun s, very seriously ill. The Council regrets very much the absences of ED-Gr ce, Italia, Luxembourg, Magyarorsz g, Nederland and United-Kingdom ; it recognizes that the very late determination of the meeting date has prevented some presidents to attend.

1.- Approval of the Statement of Brussels Council decisions

The Statement of decisions – dated 8 December 2011- of the Presidents Council of 19 and 21 October 2011 in Brussels is approved without any amendment.

2.- EURODEFENSE organisation and functioning.

2.1.- National associations.

2.1.1.- EuroD efense-France.

As announced at the Brussels meeting, Jean Rannou has left the presidency ; he stays as Vice-president. Jean-Paul Perruche has been elected President.
Gilles Combarieu has taken over the functions of Secretary general ED-France ; Jean Guinard stays as Secretary general of the network.

2.1.2.- EuroD efense-Italia.

Ambassador Calamia has let know that a new President and a new Secretary general were going to be nominated very soon.

2.1.3.- EuroD efense-Magyarorsz g.

President Balint Kun s, very seriously ill, ought to stand down ; Dr. Tam s Rath, col(ret), former Secretary general, acts as President. Mr. Laszlo Kocsis has been nominated Secretary general.

2.2.- Partnership

The proposal from Colin Cameron, Secretary general of the former WEU parliamentarians association (European Security and Defence Association – ESDA), to establish a partnership between that association and EURODEFENSE is agreed by the Council, subject to the commitment of ESDA to promote the construction of Europe and to fully share the objectives of the network EURODEFENSE. The Secretary general will take the necessary actions with Colin Cameron.

2.3.- Extension of the network.

2.3.1.- Lithuania and Poland.

The Council approves and fosters the development of the contacts established by ED-France with Poland, especially with General Czmur, advisor to the Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Also, it notes the quick improvements of the contacts established by ED-France with Lithuania ; the Secretary general EURODEFENSE is allowed to invite a Lithuanian representative to attend as an observer the ICE in Madrid (September 2012) in accordance with the provisions of the Charter (annex 1 - §2.). That representative might be General Valdas Tutkus, former Chief of Staff of the Lithuanian Forces.

2.3.2.- Extension policy.

The Council confirms that the extension of the network to all the EU countries which are not yet members (now 14) is to remain a permanent objective. All the members EURODEFENSE have to seize the occasions to approach personalities of those countries (academics, diplomats, heads of companies, military, politics, ...) liable to give life to an EuroDéfense association. Then, if the circumstances allow it, EURODEFENSE could approach the national authorities (Foreign office, MOD, Presidency), like it is currently with Lithuania.

It is suggested to call for ESDA services (ref : § 2.2 above) for finding out such personalities.

2.4.- EURODEFENSE website.

The Council notes :

- the state of the works, and the lack of involvement of the associations ;
- the issue of the “Domain name *eurodefense*” highlighted by the interference of a Chinese “registrar”.

It requests the permanent working group to submit in September, at Madrid, a synthetic report with concrete proposals. It endorses the ED-Belgium proposal to analyse the price of the projects.

2.5.- Communication - Visibility.

- The Council endorses the Secretary general proposal to make the association equipped with a flag bearing the EURODEFENSE logo. This flag would be used in the official events. It would be held for one year by the acting President of the network; this one would hand over it officially to his successor at the ICE closing.
- The Council confirms its interest for the “EURODEFENSE directory” proposed by the Secretary general ; formed with the information given by each association, the 2012 issue will be distributed electronically in late summer 2012.

2.6.- Way of working

- **Working languages** : it is reminded that French and English are the two official working languages in EURODEFENSE ; both should be used indiscriminately in meetings. However, in order to make the discussions easier, the used language will be the one preferred by the majority. On the other hand, all the documents are to be written in both languages, even if the translation is not perfect (“*courtesy translation*”).
- **Acknowledgements** : the Council endorses the request from the Secretary general that the sending of documents or important instructions be acknowledged.

3.- Works of the EURODEFENSE network.

3.1.- Continuation of the 2010 – 2011 cycle.

3.1.1.- ICE 2011 – Brussels

The Council conveys its satisfaction again for the high quality of the XVII^o ICE held in Brussels on 19, 20 and 21 October 2011. It emphasizes especially the quick writing and distribution of the final Report, without any damage to its quality.

3.1.2.- EWG 14 (Possible future and capacities)

In pursuance of the Council decision taken at the meeting of 21 October 2011 in Brussels, the EWG 14 report has been sent, with a cover letter signed by ED-Belgium President, acting President of the network, to the four following authorities :

- *High Representative of EU for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy,*
- *President of the European Council*
- *President of the European Commission*
- *President of the Sub-Committee Security and Defence of the European Parliament.*

The report has been replied by two letters from :

- *Hugo Sobral, diplomatic advisor to Mr Barroso, President of the European Commission ;*
- *Maciej Popowski, deputy SG of EAES to Mrs Ashton.*

3.2.- Active EWGs – EURODEFENSE Working groups.

3.2.1.- EWG 11bis (ED-France) – “Arab upheavals and Security of Europe”.

The Council endorses the proposal of ED-France to draft a further analysis to be discussed at the ICE in Madrid, in September 2012, then from that to submit proposals.

3.2.2.- EWG 16 (ED-France) – “CSDP development”.

Following a deep discussion, the Council decides to request from all the associations to send to ED-France, not later than late July, their comments and proposals on the working papers 1 and 2 distributed by ED-France on 12 January and 12 April 2012 respectively.

3.2.3.- EWG 17 (ED-UK) – “Cybersecurity”

The Council requests from ED-UK to submit quickly the launching document of the survey in order to make the working group able to work usefully at the meeting in Madrid.

3.3.- Other works.

3.3.1.- EU operations planning and command structures.

The Council has endorsed the excellent appreciation of ED-Belgium on this survey and its idea to send it to Brussels. It requests from all the associations to send to ED-France, not later than late July, their comments and proposals for the final drawing up of the report which will be discussed at the ICE in Madrid, before being submitted to the Council approval.

3.3.2.- Defence European budget – EDTIB – EDEM

The Council has requested the continuation of the works launched in 2011 at Brussels on these issues, especially by taking the necessary contacts with the European Parliament and with the GD Industry of the Commission (ED-France and ED-Belgium).

3.3.3.- EU-Russia relations

Although acknowledging the interest and the importance of this issue, the Council decides not to launch a survey on it for the time being.

4.- Main activities EURODEFENSE 2012 – 2014.

4.1.- Year 2012.

4.1.1.- Topic of the year 2012

The Council endorses the topic chosen by ED-España, in charge of the Presidency of the network EURODEFENSE in 2012 : “The Europe of Defense, the Crisis and the Future”.

4.1.2.- XVIII° International Conference EURODEFENSE (ICE) 2012 – ED-España.

The Council approves the project of organisation presented by ED-España :

- from Wednesday 19 September 14 h 00 to Friday 21 noon ;
- location : Madrid – Centro Superior de Estudios de la Defensa Nacional (CESEDEN) ;
- plenary session (with authorities and public) ; Thursday 20 September ; the list of the speakers is not fixed yet. Closing session on Friday 21 (9h30 – 10h30)
- Presidents and working groups meetings : Wednesday 19 afternoon and Friday 21 September morning ;
- Ladies’ programme on Thursday 20 morning ;

4.1.3.- National associations

The associations ED-Austria, Deutschland, France, Portugal organize seminars, training sessions, symposiums, conferences... during the second semester 2012. They will let know the information likely to be of interest for the other associations.

4.2.- Year 2013.

4.2.1.- Presidents Council.

According to the “activities planning EURODEFENSE”, the first Presidents Council 2013 will be organized by EuroDéfense-France in April in accordance with the rules of the Charter -§ 4.1.2.

4.2.2.- Young Europeans EURODEFENSE Conference (YEEC)

As decided by the Council in Budapest in May 2011, the next YEEC will be organized in July 2013 in Madrid by ED-España and ED-Portugal. It is to be decided when the next YEEC takes place : 2014 ?, 2015 ?, 2016 ?

4.2.3.- XIX° International Conference EURODEFENSE - (ICE 2013).

No organisation has offered itself as candidate for organizing the ICE in 2013.

4.3.- Planning 2013 and beyond

No association having stood as candidate for the future activities, the secretary general reminds the project approved by the Council in its meeting in Budapest : “The Council approves the project of committing the national association the country of which is on presidency with the organisation of the network events of the year - ICE, Spring Council, YEEC - as far as it is possible : Greece and Italia in 2014, Luxembourg in 2nd half year 2015, Netherlands in 1st half year 2016, etc....” (Statement of decisions Budapest – 10 June 2011 - § 2.5).

For the time being, the activities planning is limited to the following commitments :

4.3.1.- Présidents Council :

- in 2013, EuroDéfense-France
- in 2014, ????
- in 2015, ????

4.3.2.- International Conference EURODEFENSE - (ICE) :

- in 2012, Euro-Défense-España ;
- in 2013, ????
- in 2014, ????

4.3.3.- Young Europeans EURODEFENSE Conference - (YEEC) :

- in 2013, EuroDéfense-Portugal and EuroDéfense-España ;
- in 2014 or 2015 or 2016 ?

As a conclusion of this two days meeting, the Presidents Council conveys its thanks to ED-Romania for the success of that first meeting in Bucharest with its very friendly welcome, the very good organisation and the interesting meetings and discussions with the advisor to the President of Romania and with the official authorities..

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