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Annual partnership report 2018

In November 2015 the EuroD efense network and EDTA signed a partnership agreement. The complementary goals and interests of EuroD efense and EDTA led to a logical relationship where information exchange and mutual support may help both associations in their endeavours.

Cooperation on European level

1. Joint working group on the Energy transition for the armed forces.

Upon initiative of the EDTA a joint working group was established during the summer to discuss the impact of the climate change and energy transition debate on military capabilities. Starting point of the working group was that energy transition as observed in civil society could also be an advantage for the military. Members from France, the Netherlands and the UK participate in the working group. The report of the working group is scheduled to be submitted in February 2019 to the European Parliament, European Commission, EDA as well as to national governments and parliaments.

2. CiDAN award for EDTA.

In November 2018 the EDTA received a prestigious special European CiDAN award for the «European Industrial and Technological Base». The partnership between EDTA and EuroD efense has been crucial to achieve this award.

3. European Parliament roundtable conference on European Defence Cooperation.

In the summer of 2018 preparations started to organise a conference titled *European defence cooperation: Unintended effects of current policies!* The initiative for this conference was taken by the Sallux foundation and supported by EDTA and EuroD efense. During the preparation phase the conference was adopted by the MEP Marek Jurek of the ECR group in the European Parliament and scheduled to be held early February 2019.

This conference will address the current intentions of the European Commission with respect to defence (materiel) cooperation. Are these plans effective to reach the goal of improved cooperation, a more effective defence industry and better involvement of SMEs throughout the Union? What could be negative effects of these policies and how could these be mitigated.

The presidents of EuroD efense Germany, the vice president of EDTA member AOBP of the Czech Republic and the EDTA president will speak at the conference. Several EDTA and EuroD efense members have indicated an interest to participate.

Result of the roundtable will be a set of recommendations to the European Commission and the European Parliament to support or amend the Policies.

4. Participation in presidents meetings.

The EDTA president participated in two EuroD efense presidents-meetings (Prague and Brussels) as well as the annual EuroD efense conference (London) and contributed to the debate from a technological perspective.

Cooperation on national level

1. Netherlands

EDTA member association KIVI (Royal Netherlands Society of Engineers) of the Netherlands reported regular cooperation with EuroD efense in the Netherlands (EDNL). This cooperation comprised:



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- a. Mutual invitations to conferences and events. Among these the annual KIVI symposium. In 2018 titled: *Desinformation, Manipulation and Destabilisation; the importance of facts and technology*.
- b. KIVI participation in the EDNL council meetings.
- c. EDNL participation in the KIVI permanent working group on “Politics and defence technology”, which regularly sends recommendations to the Netherlands parliament.
- d. KIVI members contributed to the EDTA/EuroDéfense study on the energy Transition.

2. Spain

EDTA member association ACID (Asociación Civil de Ingenieros de la Defensa) of Spain reported regular cooperation with EuroDéfense in Spain (EDSP). ACID sent the following report:

ACID activities within WORKPLAN 2018

(THROUGH THE DEFENCE TECHNOLOGIES COMMITTEE OF the IIE (Spanish Engineering Institute) In agreement with functions and commitment of the Technical Committees within IIE, the Defence Technologies Committee has developed its activity following three main axis:

1st: The reinforcement of relationships with other, national and international, institutional organisations, academia, industries with analogous objectives, as they were:

- EDTA
- “Circle for Defence and Security” Foundation.
- EURODEFENCE Spain
- Spanish Institute for Military History and Culture.
- TEDAE (Spanish Defence Supply Companies Association)

2^o.- The development of several one-day conferences (“Jornadas”), as they were:

- En torno al SEPRONA (Around the Environmental and Nature Protection Service) on 22nd January
- UAV, s and DEFENCE (II), on 12 February 2018
- The Spanish Space Sector: A mature environment. On March the 21st.
- FARRAGUT Y MENORCA. On April the 25th
- Quality Management and Assurance: ISO 9001-2015 and PECAL 2110. On May the 8th.
- Around EURODEFENSE (Significance for Spain case). On June the 18th.
- It changed the World Destiny, Thel Goeben ship. On October the 2nd.
- Data, AI and Complexity, a Future Society Vision, On November the 5th.
- Defence Industries: The weight of Defence Policy in Spanish Economy. On November the 27th.

3^o.- To reinforce the Relationships with Spanish MoD Centres and Institutes, as they were:

- Escuela Politécnica Superior del Ejército. (Army Polytechnic High School)
- E.T.S. de Ingenieros de Armas Navales (Navy Weapons High Technical Shool)
- INTA (Aero-Space Technology Institute)
- DGAM (Armaments and Materiel Directorate)
- Cuarteles Generales de los tres Ejércitos (Three Services Headquarters)
- CESEDEN. (National Defence High Studies Centre)

Reports of other member associations were not received.

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