

# EURODEFENSE

## PRESIDENTS' COUNCIL

### MADRID

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*Chaired by: EuroDéfense-España*

### List of decisions

*(initial version 30/06/2019-non approved by the presidents)*

- Encl : 1.- Attendance list for the Council meeting in Madrid.  
2.- Planning of EURODEFENSE activities (*ed. 30 05 2019*).  
3.- List of European working groups (EWGs) (*ed. 30 05 2019*).  
4.- EURODEFENSE Network  
5.- Partnership agreement with ESDA  
6.- Communiqué

*The Council regrets very much the absence of ED members from Greece, Luxembourg and CZ.*

#### **1.- Approval of the list of decisions of the Prague Council**

The List of decisions –dated 10 11 2018- of the Presidents' Council of 17/19 October 2018 in Brussels is approved.

#### **2.- EURODEFENSE organization and functioning**

##### **2.1.- National associations.**

###### **2.1.1.- EuroDéfense-Italia**

Professor Fabrizio W Luciulli confirm that EuroDefense-Italia is now organized and the board completed.

###### **2.1.2.- EuroDéfense-Grèce**

President Theodossis Georgiu had apologized for not being able to participate at this Council.

### **2.1.3.- EuroDéfense-Luxembourg**

Unfortunately, EuroDéfense-Luxembourg had not answered any attempts at making contact.

## **2.2.- Extension of the network.**

### **2.2.1.- Estonia**

Robin Ashby is in contact with the Estonian defense attaché who spoke to a former Estonian Chief of Defence. Nothing new.

### **2.2.2.- Latvia**

Contact with the Latvian defence attaché in Great Britain. Nothing new.

### **2.2.3.- Finland**

The contacts through WEU parliamentary Assembly former members is going on with a ED-France president mission in Finland.

### **2.2.4.-Poland**

Still good contact with senator Bodgan Klich

## **2.3.- Brexit consequences on ED-UK**

ED-UK will continue as a member of EURODEFENSE at least during the transition period for Brexit and was therefore expected to attend the international conference in Romania in 2019. Membership after the transition period would be influenced by the closeness of the future defence and security relationship between the EU and the UK, yet to be determined.

It has been noted that the EURODEFENSE chart does not say that the members have to be in the EU but in Europe.

## **3.- Activities EURODEFENSE 2019-2021.**

### **3.1.- Meetings**

#### **3.1.1.- Autumn 2019 IME**

EuroDéfense-Romania confirm its invitation for the autumn 2019 IME from 3 to 5 October.

#### **3.1.3.-Young Europeans EURODEFENSE Conference (YEEC)**

EuroDefense-Italia consider organizing the Young European EURODEFENSE Conference in 2020.

### **3.2.-Activities planned for after 2019 (see Annex 2)**

#### **3.2.1.- Presidents' Council:**

2020 EuroDefense-Nederland (13/15 may)

- 2021 EuroDefense-France

#### **3.2.2.- International Meeting EURODEFENSE - (IME)**

2020, EuroDefense-Austria

EuroDefense-Portugal consider to organize IME in 2021 (simultaneity with the EU presidency)

## **4.- Work in the EURODEFENSE network.**

### **4.1- Permanent groups/Observatories**

#### **4.1.1- Mediterranean basin Observatory**

EuroDéfense-Espana has presented a report:” Early warning Algeria”. It will be posted on the EURODEFENSE web site.

#### **4.1.2- EURODEFENSE website**

EuroDefense-NL has been congratulated for its new website, and notably for the archive's presentation.

#### **4.1.3.- EWG 17 (ED-UK) “Cyber security”**

A EuroDefense-UK document has been circulating among the EWG members. We wait a report for the Bucharest meeting.

#### **4.1.4.- EWG22 (ED-Deutschland) Migrants and refugees**

EuroDefense-Deutschland circulate a document among the EWG with proposals in the migration's security domain.

### **4.2.- EURODEFENSE Working Groups (EWGs)**

#### **4.2.1.- EWG 18 (ED-France) – EDEM – EDTIB**

EWG18 is closed, but EuroDéfense-France keep in contact with some Commission members to keep an eye on the situation evolution.

#### **4.2.2.-EWG27**

It has been decided to establish an EWG 27 on the item of the Nederland document” EU security is EU responsibility”. The situation analysis has been appreciated by the majority of members, but it has been requested to enlarge the mandate for studying several solutions for the EU future organization in the defense domain.

#### **4.2.3.- EWG28 Hybrid warfare.**

It has been decided to establish an EWG 28 on the item “Hybrid warfare” based on the document of ED-Deutschland which have to propose a mandate.

### **5.- Partnership agreement with ESDA**

A partnership agreement has been signed with ESDA (European Security and Defence Association). This association group European members of parliaments interested in defense matters and is at present chaired by Robert Walter, former WEU Assembly president. (Annex 5)

### **6.- Associations activities**

**ED-Espana:** The 7th November 2018 ED-ES organized and carried out the 1<sup>st</sup> informative session on the CSD of the EU in the CEOE on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2019 ED-ES had a working meeting in Lisbon with members of ED-Portugal. The 10<sup>th</sup> April the Vice President of ED -ES attended in Lisbon the very informative conference organized by ED-Portugal. The Spring Presidents Council in Madrid preparation was, of course, a major endeavor in 2019 for EURODEFENSE-ESPANA.

**ED-France:** Preparation of a conference in Senate house:” Europe 30 years after the Berlin wall fall” for the 8 November 2019 and a conference in Strasbourg in March 2020.

**ED-Nederland:** Agreement with the “European Movement”: ED-NL is a commission of this movement; this balance the NATO commission. Article in the NATO review and contact with the Parliament.

**ED-Deutschland:** Good contact with the MOD.

**ED-Romania:** Contact with authorities to prepare autumn 2019 IME. Studies on Blockchain and Black Sea. Large international Conference on Critical Infrastructures Protection.

**ED-Italia:** Bureau finalizing. Wish to interest youngs: Youngs European EURODEFENSE Conference. preparation for 2020.

**ED-Austria:** European neighborhoods colloquy. African and North Africa situations analysis. Asiatic think tanks cooperation.

**ED-Portugal:** Good links with industry: conference with industries involved in PESCO, EU authority's presence. Close contacts with ED-Espana.

**ED-UK:** Contact with MOD, study of Brexit consequences. Looking for youngs.

**ED-Magyarország;** Contact with industry. Interest for PESCO and Cyber defence.

**ED-Belgium.** Creation of a young's section with the Atlantic Association. Study on Black Sea Russian action.

**7.- Any other business**

A communiqué on the future EU organization has been written. It will be sent to the EU authorities.  
(Annex 6)

In concluding the meeting, the president Wilhem van Eekelen for the Council thanked EuroDefense-Espana for the success of this Madrid meeting, with its very warm welcome and excellent organization, and the very interesting visit to AIRBUS (Getafe)

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