



# EURODEFENSE

## EWG 16 – CSDP Development

### **Mandate approved by the Presidents Council**

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“Because of the financial crisis affecting all the Member States, pooling of means, sharing of burden, specialization of forces and equipments in order to initiate and to reinforce CSDP are in fact a necessity on a financial point of view as well as for the operational, technological and industrial efficiency.

The EWG shall propose innovating solutions to reach the aim of CSDP, in particular for implementing the tools available to EU in the Lisbon Treaty :

- implementation of the Permanent Structured Cooperation, progressively, pragmatically and on a way adapted to the capabilities of each one,
- use, case by case, of Enhanced Cooperations,
- permanent planning and management capacity for the EU civilian and military overseas operations,
- placing necessary means at disposal of Member States requesting help in case of natural disaster,
- development of a more capable and efficient European Defence Technological and Industrial Base (EDTIB).

The Weimar initiative, now supported by Italy and Spain, could be a determining factor in the CSDP development. The EWG shall make proposals aimed to provide the countries committed to this initiative with arguments acceptable to the most significant number of Member States, with regard to an agreed sharing of sovereignty.

The regional and sub-regional political dimensions of those innovating initiatives shall be taken into due account.”