



Presidents' Council

EURODEFENSE

London, 29th September 2017.

Mr. Donald Tusk
President of the European Council

Dear Mr. President,

EURODEFENSE, a network of fourteen national not-for-profit associations, works together on the basis of its Charter of 2006 to promote and contribute to the setting up of credible and effective European Defence. It has maintained relations with national and European authorities for many years, taking up a clear and positive stance on the development of the Common Defence and Security Policy (CSDP).

European defence cooperation on education, training and simulation has many important advantages to enhance skills, share European military culture for our military men and women, and reduce costs. The importance of cooperative training and the intention to make training an element of the permanent structured cooperation has been agreed in the Lisbon Treaty. This intention was reinforced in more recent papers on European cooperation, but omitted in the European Defence Fund. Hence, we believe cooperation on education, training and simulation needs more attention.

In the enclosed report of EURODEFENSE and the Federation of European Defence Technology Associations (EDTA) the most important potential areas of cooperation are described as well as technical and funding opportunities.

Copies of the report will be sent to the *High Representative for the Common Foreign and Security Policy* and to the *President of the Security and Defence sub-committee of the European Parliament*. Copies will also be sent, with explanatory letters, to their national authorities by the presidents of the fourteen associations of the EURODEFENSE network.

Yours sincerely,

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