



Council of Presidents & International Meeting EURODEFENSE 2021

HOST	EuroDefense-Portugal
PARTNERS	PT Defence Staff Military University Institute (IUM)
LOCATION	Military University Institute (IUM) - Rua de Pedrouços 122 1449-027 Lisboa
DATE	17.06.2021
STRUCTURE	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Meeting of the EURODEFENSE Council for institutional deliberation purposes. 2. Interventions & Panels to debate relevant issues to European Union Security and Defense.

1. MEETING OF THE EURODEFENSE COUNCIL FOR INSTITUTIONAL DELIBERATION PURPOSES	
MAIN GOAL OF THE EVENT	<p>In accordance with the EURODEFENSE CHARTER the Council of Presidents and the International Meeting EURODEFENSE (IME) will take place during the first semester of 2021 in Lisbon.</p> <p>EuroDefense-Portugal holds the presidency of EURODEFENSE network during 2021, and therefore is committed to ensuring the organization of both events.</p> <p>The Council of Presidents will follow the usual model, addressing relevant institutional issues and upholding the follow up of the issues discussed at the meeting held in October last year by EuroDefense-Austria.</p> <p>Other issues will be added to the agenda, once agreed between the acting presidency and the EURODEFENSE Secretariat General, after taking in account the requests from the Presidents.</p> <p>The agenda of the Council of Presidents will be forwarded as soon as the program of both events has been completed and confirmed.</p>

2. INTERVENTIONS & PANELS TO DEBATE RELEVANT ISSUES TO EUROPEAN UNION SECURITY AND DEFENSE	
MAIN GOAL OF THE EVENT	<p>The organization of the International Meeting EURODEFENSE (IME) will follow three different stages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - a period dedicated to the meetings of the European Working Groups (EWG) and the EURODEFENSE Observatories for the coordination of work and brainstorming, led by the corresponding coordinators. These meetings will take place during the afternoon of the first day (16th June); - a visit to a relevant technological / industrial infrastructure, during the morning of following day (17th June) for contact with the defense industry; - during the same day, an entire afternoon of seminar to exchange ideas and debate on relevant security and defense issues, which are part of the current central concerns of the EURODEFENSE network.



	<p>These events will take place following a long contingency period and several lockdown periods, which all member states went through during 2020 and part of 2021. After a third wave of the COVID-19 pandemic, that hit our societies heavily during the first quarter of this year, we are now emerging with renewed hope that the vaccination program currently under way across Europe will finally allow us to return to a situation close to normal.</p> <p>It is expected that the evolution of the pandemic will provide security conditions to carry out this activity in the presential modality. However, the planning presented here remains conditioned to the evolution of the health conditions that Europe as a whole and Portugal in particular will experiment until the month of June.</p>
<p>IME TARGET AUDIENCE</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delegations to the EURODEFENSE Council of Presidents. • Delegations of the European Working Group (EWG) and EURODEFENSE Observatories. • Members of EuroDefense-Portugal and EuroDefense-Youth Portugal. • Interns of the Institute of Political Studies at the Catholic University of Lisbon. • Lecturers and students of the Military University Institute's (TBC). • Members of Academy (lecturers, researchers, and other security experts and consultants). • Other personalities from the public sector and security and defense industry.
<p>IME FRAMEWORK</p>	<p>The Charter outlines that <i>“The Council meets at least twice a year...”</i> and <i>“...an annual meeting gathering as many members as possible from all national associations EURODEFENSE and, according to possibilities, guests from EU countries. This meeting is arranged in turn by one of the associations of the network. It is called “The International Meeting EURODEFENSE” (IME)”</i>.</p> <p>The EURODEFENSE network Council will follow an agenda outlined by the acting presidency in close coordination with EURODEFENSE Secretariate – to be released in due time.</p> <p>On the IME side, this is an outstanding opportunity to exchange different points of view and strengthen a common vision in the fields of EU security and defense, taking into account the fast pace experimented by the trends in the international security environment.</p> <p>Geopolitical challenges of an increasing fragmented world with increasing competition between the Great Powers, the rise of new strategic domains, new risks and threats and new disruptive technologies, together with a structural change in the energy fields, are the hallmarks of a new strategic reality with great impact in the areas of security and defense.</p> <p>The European Union is currently at a tipping point in order to fulfil the goals outlined in its Global Strategy, striving to reinforce its relevance in the international arena as a strategic player with a dimension proportional to its economic strength.</p> <p>The implementation of relevant tools such as Permanent Structured Cooperation (PESCO), the European Defence Fund, the Coordinated Annual Review on Defence (CARD), the Peace Facility and the Strategic Compass are some of the EU's most relevant initiatives to uphold its strategic autonomy towards a Europe of Defence.</p> <p>Space as a new operational domain, alongside air, land, sea and cyberspace makes security and defense even more demanding and more complex, alongside other actors that go beyond the exclusively military field, from the informational domain to transnational organize crime, bringing together the so-called hybrid wars.</p>



	<p>If we add the concerns about other security challenges such as climate change, concerns about the emergence of new pandemics and the unpredictability of the evolution of the main trends of the global economy, added by the dispute over natural and energy resources, we can predict that the future will be full of surprises, which the EU will certainly have to prepare to overcome.</p> <p>The European Union is a political architecture of democratic states underpinned by a set of values, enshrining human rights and the rule of law, enjoying a set of mercantilist rules that stands in a vision of peace through trade inherited from a historical period that dates back to the Middle and Modern Age. It is from its common cultural and historical heritage that Europe can find the support it needs to overcome the challenges, threats and risks that no country can face alone. Quoting former EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy / Vice-President of the European Commission Federica Mogherini, there are only two types of countries in Europe - small ones and those that have not yet realize that they are small. It is therefore time to strength our common approach on these issues.</p>
<p>IME GOALS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allow contact with companies or technological centers of the host country’s defence technology and industrial base, to gain knowledge about the areas of defence economics. • Promote an open debate on topics of common interest, with relevance to the themes of EWGs and Observatories, as well as others of undoubtful interest for the security and defence of the European Union that deserve to be placed on the EURODEFENSE network’s radar. • Listen to the opinions of experts and personalities of recognized competence on issues on issues of geopolitics, geostrategy, security and defense, as well as providing an opportunity to meet relevant institutions in the fields of security and defence. • Update on issues that are being developed by the different EWGs and Observatories, in order to monitor and outline the next steps at the level of the EURODEFENSE network.
<p>IME ORGANIZATION</p>	<p>The IME will last for an entire day. It will start with a visit during the morning to a company or technological center related to the defense economy located in the Lisbon area. The afternoon will be reserved for a seminar that will take place at the Military University Institute.</p> <p>The seminar will be held in three panels directed respectively: to the current challenges of the cyber domain; the ongoing energy transformation and its impact on security and defense; last but not least, the third panel will address the commonly accepted requirement for transforming the EU's security and defense architecture, as a milestone to achieve its goal of strategic autonomy, an issue that has been the central point of analysis EWG 27. The three panels will address the following objectives, respectively:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The first panel will address the cyber domain on its different facets, both as an enabler to obtain effects in the operational field, as well as in the form of a new source of threats and risks whose impact goes far beyond the domains of security and defense. Its relevance for the security of infrastructures and in practically all aspects our societies, up to the personal level, makes cyber domain a ubiquitous concern today. Therefore, its conceptual aspect deserves our attention and also the mechanisms and initiatives launched by the EU to strengthen its capabilities in cyberspace. • The second panel will address the energy transformation process that is currently underway towards a decarbonized economy and transition to a greener society in all



	<p>its domains. The impact of these policies in the field of security and defense is already a central issue for analysis at the level of EU institutions, being a structural part of the EU Commission’s own strategy for action, known as the European Green Deal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The third panel will address the security and defence challenges facing the EU today and the tools and mechanisms needed to become an effective actor on the international stage. It takes into account the strategic trends arising from a multiplicity of factors and the increasing growing complexity of the security environment that calls for a greater integration without, however, reviving the ghosts of nationalisms and outdated visions of sovereignty.
<p>IME METHODOLOGY</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All the three panels are being designed with the objective of adding value to the respective themes. They will all comprise a board of experts and personalities of reference both by their institutional positions, as well as for the knowledge and experience in the themes. • The second panel on energy will benefit from the “EDA 2nd CF SEDSS - Consultation Forum for Sustainable Energy in the Defence and Security Sector” that will take place during the 16th and 17th of June in Lisbon, according to the agenda of the Portuguese Presidency of the Council of the European Union during the 1st semester of 2021. Thus, the Director Research, Technology and Innovation, European Defence Agency, will be one of the speakers on this panel. • The three panels will comprise a period of presentation and debate led by the moderator and a Q&R time will be reserved at the end.



International Meeting EURODEFENSE 2021

Lisbon

Location – Military University Institute (Pedrouços 122 | 1449-027 Lisbon)

17th June 2021

13:45 | 14:00 Administration and Reception ED-PT Secretariat

14:00 | **Welcome Address** - Purpose and Goals of the Seminar António Figueiredo Lopes (ED-PT President)

1st Panel - EU's capability to defend against the threats of the digital world - update on EU Cyber Academia and Innovation Hub (EU CAIH).

- Impact of the cyber domain at the strategical, operational and tactical levels.
- Risks and threats to the security and defense using the cyber domain.
- Security of critical infrastructures and the role of different actors, from the state level to the civil sphere, through the private sector.
- The role of international cooperation in dealing with major trends in cyber defence and cybersecurity in the near future.
- EU/NATO cooperation on the cyber domain.
- EU level of ambition in the 4th technological revolution.
- How the revised Directive on Security of Network and Information Systems (NIS 2 Directive) will impact organizations and contribute to a high common level of cyber security and cyber defence across all EU.

Moderator

- Paulo Moniz (EDP Group Information Security and IT Risk Director)

Speakers

- Gameiro Marques (Director-General of National Security Office)
- António Quaresma Rosa (NCI Academy Dean)
- Paulo Viegas Nunes (Deputy Director of Education/Military Academy)

14:00 | 15:00

15:00 | 15:15

Coffee break



2nd Panel - Sustainable Energy in the EU Defence and Security Sector.

15:15 | 16:15

- The widespread impact of the energy transition in all areas of society.
- Impact of the energy transition on the security and defense sector - current situation and prospects for evolution.
- Overview on the resilience of critical defence-related energy infrastructures in the EU.
- EU energy management / policy and innovative energy technologies.
- Ideas and studies of EU projects related to defence energy that could lead to new collaborative projects among Member States.
- The transformation in military affairs imposed by the energy transition.
- Towards a green EU defence - utopia or feasible goal.

Moderator

- Caetano de Sousa (ED-PT Board Member)

Speakers

- Jean-François Ripoché (Director Research, Technology & Innovation, European Defence Agency)
- José Caleia Rodrigues (PhD - Energy Geopolitics Analyst)
- Ana Filipa Ferreira Godinho (Directorate General Defence Resources/MoD)

16:15 | 16:30

Coffee break

3rd Panel – Towards a New Defence Architecture for Europe. Insight on an invigorated EU Defence Organisation - EWG 27.

16:30 | 17:30

- New and more promising landscapes for strengthening the transatlantic link.
- The strategic compass as an operational tool to implement the EU's Global Strategy.
- Working with partners (first and foremost NATO) wherever possible, but acting alone when necessary.
- How to go beyond political intentions to achieve effective results in the strategic and operational domains.
- Balancing sovereignty with integration - how far EU member states should go to balance the effectiveness of joint action with the relevance of national will.

Moderador

- Melo Correia (ED-PT Board Member)

Speakers

- Fontes Ramos (Vice-Chairman of ED-PT General Assembly)
- Iric A. van Doorn Vice-President of ED-NL

Commentators

- Werner Fasslabend (ED-AU President)
- Ernst van Hoek (ED-NL President)
- António Figueiredo Lopes (ED-PT President)