



## Portugal assumes secretariat of the EURODEFENSE Network

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Portugal assumes secretariat of the EURODEFENSE Network On 18 November 2024, by decision of the Council of Presidents of the EURODEFENSE Network, EuroDefense-Portugal took over the General Secretariat of the international network for a four-year term, succeeding EuroDéfense-France, which had held the secretariat since its creation.

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ENTREVISTA EM 17 DE JANEIRO 2025  
GENERAL VALENÇA PINTO  
PRESIDENTE EURODEFENSE-PORTUGAL



## Valença Pinto “A conjuntura sugere que se dê uma muito maior prioridade à Defesa”

**INDÚSTRIA** O presidente da EuroDefense-Portugal revela que a associação está a preparar, com as 16 congéneres europeias, um conjunto de recomendações para a estratégia industrial de defesa. Para o general Valença Pinto, ex-chefe do Estado-Maior-General das Forças Armadas, neste setor deve haver “soberania partilhada”.

ENTREVISTA VALENTINA MARCELINO

No atual contexto de instabilidade geopolítica da Europa, está em cima da mesa uma estratégia industrial para a defesa da União Europeia? Em que fase é que Portugal está neste momento?

Portugal está, com certeza, muito atento e é preciso que esteja. Estão muitas coisas em cima da mesa,

co e tecnológico nacional. Em terceiro lugar, o mundo empresarial e, em particular, o mundo industrial. Há quem chame isso o “Triple Helix”. É o que queremos. Precisamos da propulsão articulada conjugada destes três componentes para que a coisa toda avance. Em Portugal estamos a tentar fa-

mento e equipamento, seja no quadro da criação de uma Direção-Geral de Armamento. Não pode deixar de ser o Estado a mexer. Naturalmente, também em articulação com o Ministério da Economia. Também vemos com grande satisfação que depois de tempos em que o Ministério da

circunstâncias políticas, económicas e sociais haja maior prioridade de uma em relação a outra. Mas isso é uma prioridade conjuntural. Neste momento, a conjuntura sugere uma prioridade muito maior prioritante da Defesa. Acho que se vai abrir um livro novo, porventura

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In the EU Strategic Guidelines, it is recognized that in the upcoming decades climate change will be a factor of instability and conflict around the world, which is already being felt today. It is expected that changes in weather patterns could exacerbate tensions, increase violence and generate additional humanitarian needs, as a result of the multiplication of extreme weather events and their impacts, affecting natural and historical heritage, but also and above all human.



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As the third anniversary of Russia's invasion of Ukraine approaches, Arctic countries have fully awoken to a new security paradigm in the region. With Sweden and Finland completing their NATO accession process in 2024, all seven non-Russian Arctic countries have emerged clear-eyed about the security threat posed by the Kremlin. The increasing frequency of interference with critical infrastructure across Northern Europe



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The Arctic is a region of increasing concern. The area has become a geopolitical hotspot because glaciers and sea ice are melting at record speed due to climate change, uncovering mineral resources and opening up alternative sea routes. The land under the Arctic Sea is claimed by Russia and NATO allies, who are at loggerheads since the full-scale invasion of Ukraine by Russia. New military investments and expanded scientific explorations reflect the interest in the vast resources of the region and in the new and shorter sea lanes that are becoming available between east and west.



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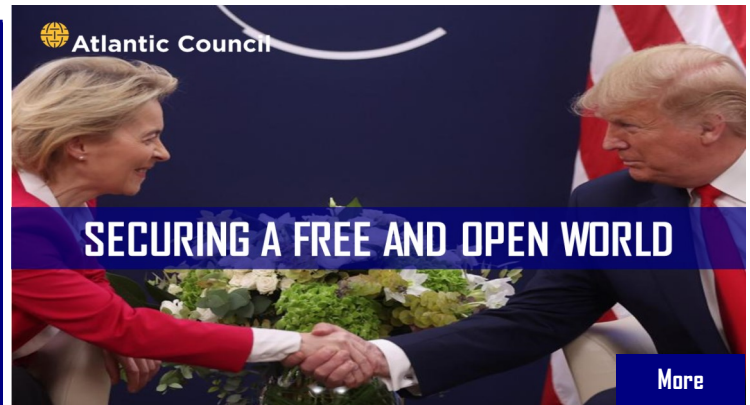
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For the European Union to compete globally while continuing to ensure progress in environmental, social and fundamental rights, more strategic and collective action is imperative. In a world where some leading global businesses have a market capitalisation of more than €3 trillion, an integrated economic, financial and fiscal policy framework is needed to encourage innovation and growth, including for successful SMEs.



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The underinvestment in defense, security and resilience by a . The Indo-Pacific region is now the fulcrum for economic and security concerns. However, American interests span the globe, and its adversaries China and Russia are seeking to thwart them across the Indo-Pacific and the Atlantic and in between. President Dwight D.



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First, we will defend the homeland," proclaims the 2022 National Defense Strategy of the United States on its initial page.<sup>1</sup> Indeed, the USA States goes to great lengths to protect the nation from military threats, terrorists, cyberattacks, and other potential dangers. US Northern Command stands guard against land, air, and sea attacks.



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In September 2024 the former Italian Prime Minister Mario Draghi unveiled a report on the future of European competitiveness, at the behest of the President of the European Commission, Ursula von der Leyen. Comprising more than 400 pages and a total of 176 specific measures for 10 industrial and five horizontal sectors, the report looks set to provide the new European Commission



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Eventually all wars must come to an end – including the war between Russia and Ukraine that began nearly eleven years ago with the Russian annexation of Crimea. President-elect Donald Trump has claimed to 'end the war in 24hours' after his inauguration and his transition team is already floating peace plans, nominating envoys and reaching



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Donald Trump's inauguration as 47th President of the United States (US) on 20 January 2025 already casts long shadows globally and across the EU. The prospects of a much better prepared and unrestrained Trump in the White House pose significant challenges to European leaders and institutions, with the risk of dividing them with his transactional approach to global politics.

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