



EURODEFENSE LAUNCHES ITS NEW WEBSITE AND NEWSLETTER

In January 2021, the fifteen chapters of the EURODEFENSE network agreed to launch a new website and their first joint newsletter.

The two initiatives aim to inform public opinion on the network's ambition and activities in the field of European security and defence. They are also intended to enhance communication between national chapters by gathering all information in one place.

We sincerely hope you will like these new fora and welcome any feedback that could improve them along the way.

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EDITORIAL BY ANTONIO FIGUEIREDO LOPES

According to the CHARTER EURODEFENSE, the Network and the Associations that make it up should develop their activities with a view to sensitising the public opinion, particularly the younger generations, to ensure that society is aware of the need to defend the European common values and interests and that both, guaranteeing peace in Europe and a safe and secure environment for its citizens, are foundational objectives of the European Union.

In view of this desideratum, they also assume that it is imperative to promote a European culture of security and defence, focused on the concept that there can be no security without defence and no Europe without security. That was the main motivation that led Pierre Schwed - a French resistance fighter, businessman and renowned expert in defence and geostrategy issues - to create, in 1994, the EuroDéfense Associations as a civil society initiative.

In their long-living way of almost three decades, these Associations have always sought to promote a common awareness of European security and defence policies, in the belief that these concepts and values are of great relevance, especially nowadays, when we see new emerging risks, challenges and threats to security and peace, with increasing pressure on the global geopolitical and geostrategic environment, including the extent shock waves of COVID 19.

Therefore, time is ripe for the European Union and the Member States to decide which route and what means are necessary to better protect the citizens both inside and outside their borders. However, in our democratic societies, governments need to count on the support of informed citizens. The awareness of society thus constitutes an essential precondition, in terms of perceptions, for the strengthening of Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP), in parallel with the European Foreign and Security Policy (EFSP), as a fundamental pillar of the European Union.

These values are also a source of inspiration for the EURODEFENSE Network and their members to carry out their essential mission of raising awareness of the public opinions and policymakers on the importance and relevance of the European security and defence policies. In my opinion, the EURODEFENSE Network must support the Associations, in the fulfilment of that important objective, through the regular and structured dissemination of information and reflections on these existential issues. That is why I very much welcome the idea behind the launching of a Newsletter so that the EURODEFENSE Network possesses now a new important tool to communicate and interconnect with its members currently active in fifteen Member States of the European Union.

Thanks to the commitment of the young members of EDEO (EURODEFENSE European Outreach Working Group), acting under the coordination of the Secretary-General, we have been seeing lately important improvements in the interrelationships amongst all of us. Indeed, they have been providing outstanding support to the promotion of the Network activities through this Newsletter as well as web-based platforms such as Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn.

The renewed web page, based on a more appealing and informative layout, with a view to getting better functionality and attractiveness, is a first and particularly good example of this new dynamic created in the Network's external communications. In this first edition of the EURODEFENSE Newsletter, in addition to the dissemination of news and information on the Network's activities, studies and articles are published.

On topical subjects in the European and international geopolitical landscape, along with further analysis on truly relevant issues by and large with direct interest to everybody and, particularly, to those who are concerned with European security and defence matters.

I anticipate a good reception of this initiative, convinced of the positive responsiveness that this specialized information deserves to be taken in times of crisis.

Lisbon, 29 April 2021
Antonio Figueiredo Lopes
President, EuroDefense-Portugal
Acting President, EURODEFENSE Network

THE NETWORK'S LATEST PUBLICATIONS



Dynamics of Conflict associated with the Global Technological Society and Climate Change

A contribution by Eduardo Caetano de Sousa for the Working Group 4.

Nobody can contest the risks and threats that loom on the horizon. The energy transition itself may contain uncertainty factors in its implementation path shortly. The area of Security and Defence is a strategic sector that entails a shared planning and programming model, and it is with this level of ambition that it must be articulated. Current strategic thinking requires the use of parameters of holistic nature, whatever the angle of approach, namely in terms of the operational and logistical effectiveness of forces, within the scope of defence economics, or even in the integration/ assimilation of adequate energy systems (strategic matrix). Therefore, it is imperative to strengthen Europe's technological advantage and support its defence industrial base, thereby creating added value in the internal use of new energy sources and vectors. The author proposes, in particular, a Roadmap for a Greener and More Innovative Defence.

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Technology and Weapons Systems Developments supporting Russia's 3-ocean Protective Dome for the new "Polar Silk Road"

A contribution by Robin Ashby, Rapporteur for the EuroDefense Arctic Observatory.

What is underway in Russia meets at least three principal aims:

- Homeland defence;

- Securing currently exploited and potentially emerging economic opportunities;
- And dominating the space for possible three-ocean power projection against its two principal rivals.

This article outlines the context and some technological developments which will give Russia advanced capabilities to do so: "military icebreakers", air and missile defence; aviation; precision missiles; and infantry fighting vehicles. Given the country's historical preoccupation with ice-free routes, Russia is extremely aware of what it means to be astride - and in control of - the emerging shortcut through the Arctic Ocean's Northern Sea Route.

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Mediterranean Observatory - An Overview of the Present Situation in the Mediterranean Region

A contribution by Eurodéfense Spain for the Mediterranean Observatory.

In their latest report, the contributors to the observatory review the mixed results of the Barcelona Process and the Union for the Mediterranean (UFM) since 1995. After giving a critical account of the economic and political situation in the region, the paper addresses the shortcomings and failures of both the EU and the US administration in their Middle Eastern and North African policies. According to EuroDéfense Spain, it is now the time to set up new goals and a new vision in dealing with our Southern neighbours.

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CONTRIBUTIONS BY OUR MEMBERS



The Disruptive Impact of the Cyber Domain on International Security Policy

Written by Michael Zinkanell, David Kirsch, this analysis seeks to shed light on various selected and highly relevant difficulties related to the issues of cyber diplomacy, hybrid warfare, and international relations.

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Armament, the Need for Cooperation

In their opinion piece, Patrick Bellouard and Cyrille Schott defend capability cooperation between European partners, and particularly Germany, to share development costs.

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The Europe of cybersecurity through the prism of sovereignty, flows and integration. Three distinct readings of "collective and collaborative security"

This article (in French) by Pierre Berthelet deals with the collaborative construction of a Europe of cybersecurity through three approaches: sovereignist, multi-partner, or integrationist. It is published as part of the Lille International Cybersecurity Forum (FIC 2021), entitled: "For a collective and collaborative cybersecurity".

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WEBINAR: "EU Defence Cooperation - Breaking the Impasse"

You are cordially invited to attend the Webinar on "EU Defence Cooperation - Breaking the Impasse"

To take place on the **6th of May, from 17:30 to 19:30** (Brussels Time).

The event is organized by the EURODEFENSE European Outreach working group with the aim of presenting and discussing the findings of the European working group 27 "Recommendations on EU defence".

It will gather **Dr. Antonio Figueiro Lopes**, Acting president of the Eurodefense Network, **Dr. Hanna Ojanen**, Founding president of EuroDefense Finland, **Iric van Doorn**, Vice-president of EuroDefense Nederland, **Dr. Liliana Reis**, Assistant professor at the University of Beira Interior, **Bart Browsers**, Co-secretary of EuroDefense Nederland, **General Federico Yaniz**, Vice-president of EuroDefense Spain, **Lieutenant General Jean-Paul Perruche**, Member of EuroDefense France, **Heinz Schulte**, Committee member of the German Maritime Institute, and **Dr. Ernst Van Hoek**, President of Eurodefense Nederland.

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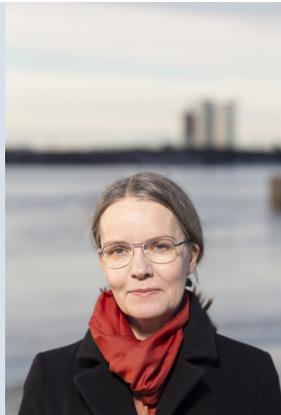


Jean Fournet - President of EuroDéfense France

These last ten years, I was an independent consultant on defence and security issues. I began my career in 1973 at the Délégation Générale pour l'Armement in the French Ministry of Defense where I worked for the most part in the international field. From 1996 to 2001 as Director of Cooperation and Industrial Affairs and French National Armaments Director I was in charge of bilateral and multilateral relations with NATO and EU countries. I was then promoted Lieutenant General, Armament Corps in 1997. Then, from 2001 to 2007, I was at NATO Assistant Secretary-General responsible for Public Diplomacy (including scientific and environmental affairs), promoting the Alliances image, reaching out to civil society in all its components and developing relations with influential leaders and young generations. I was born in Brest, France, in 1948. I am a graduate of the Ecole Polytechnique and of the French National College of Aeronautics and Space. I also obtained a master's degree in economics and a further graduate degree in political science.

Hanna Ojanen - President of EuroDéfense Finland

Dr Hanna Ojanen an expert on European foreign, security and defence policy. She is Adjunct Professor (docent) of international security



organisations at the Finnish National Defence University, as well as Adjunct Professor in international relations at the University of Helsinki. She holds a doctorate in political and social sciences from the European University Institute (EUI, Florence). Her previous positions include Jean Monnet Professor at the University of Tampere (Faculty of Management), Head of Research, Swedish Institute of International Affairs, and Programme Director of the Research Programme on the European Union, Finnish Institute of International Affairs.

She is a member of the ECFR Council (European Council on Foreign Relations) and in the Commission of the Churches on International Affairs of the World Council of Church(Geneva). Her recent research has focused on inter-organisational relations (particularly EU-NATO-UN relations) and her book entitled *The EU's Power in Inter-Organisational Relations* was published by Palgrave Macmillan in 2018.



Ernst van Hoek - President of EuroDéfense Nederland

Dr Ernst van Hoek worked at the Ministry of Defence (1970-2005) of The Netherlands. He has in his career focused on science and technology and international cooperation. After studying Nuclear Physics at the VU University Amsterdam, he joined LEOK, the Laboratory for Electronic Developments for the Armed Forces. Through LEOK he joined a NATO group "Improved Hawk Guided Missile System". Between 1976-1985 he was detached to the NATO Hawk Management Office near Paris, first as missile expert, then as Head of Industrial Division.

In 1985 he returned to the Ministry of Defence, Directorate of Scientific Research and Development (DWOO). In 1989 he was appointed Director there. Ernst van Hoek was active in both NATO and European (IEPG, later WEAG) R&D collaboration. As chairman of the NATO Defence Research Group, he was instrumental in setting up the NATO RTO (later STO).

In 1997 he became the first director of the NATO Research & Technology Agency (RTA) in Neuilly, France. In 2000 he returned to his old job at the Netherlands MoD. When The Netherlands had to provide the chairmanship of the WEAG (part of the WEU) from 2002 till 2005, Ernst van Hoek was awarded this position. After that, Ernst van Hoek represented TNO in Brussels and advised NIDV for several years. He has been participating in Eurodefense Nederland from 2001 onwards.

OUR MUST READS

DEFENDING EUROPE

Three heads of state and government - the French and Spanish Presidents and the German Federal Chancellor - have called for establishing a "European army." Which wasp has stung them?

Frédéric Mauro and Olivier Jehin investigate and dissect in this book the highly controversial idea of a European Army, which arouses both fascination and annoyance across Europe and abroad.

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Défendre l'Europe

Préface du général Vincent DESPORTES

*Plaidoyer pour
une armée européenne*

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IRSEM - Covid-19 as an opportunity for European armament cooperation?

The Covid-19 health and related economic crises did not leave any sector of the economy unharmed. Although it may not be the first in line, the defence industry has also been impacted. This paper explores the various impacts of the Covid-19 on the defence industry in Europe, both on the short and long-term dimensions. After exploring the immediate and longer-term impacts of the crisis for the defence industry, the paper concludes by discussing whether the crisis could be an opportunity for further European armament cooperation. This IRSEM publication is based on Dr BéraudSudreau's personal research and does not relate to the SIPRI databases or annual data launches.

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CSIS - Space threat assessment 2021

Space Threat Assessment 2021 reviews the open-source information available on the counterspace capabilities developed in the past year that can threaten U.S. space systems and which countries are developing such systems. The report is intended to raise awareness and understanding of the newest threats, debunk myths and misinformation, and highlight areas in which senior leaders and policymakers should focus their attention. This report focuses on five specific countries that are either avidly pursuing counterspace capabilities or that present the greatest risk to U.S. National Security: China, Russia, Iran, North Korea, and India. A sixth section analyzes the counterspace capabilities of select other countries, including some allies and partners of the United States and some non-state actors.

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SWP- The Russian Military Escalation around Ukraine's Donbas. Risks and Scenarios for a Revised EU Policy

The ongoing military and political escalations in and around Donbas – including the increase in Russian military deployments near Ukraine's borders – represent one of the most severe security crises in Europe since Russia's aggression against Ukraine in 2014. The patterns of Russian military deployments, the structure of forces, and the types of observed military hardware strongly suggest the risk of an offensive operation rather than an exercise. Given the existing political costs, that operation is likely to take indirect forms by using the cover of Russian military proxies in Donbas. This crisis represents both a major challenge and an opportunity for the European Union (EU).

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