



5th EUROPEAN DEFENCE & SECURITY CONFERENCE 2025

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- 09:00 - 09:45** **WELCOME ADDRESSES**
Ursula von der Leyen, President of the European Commission
Andrius Kubilius, Commissioner for Defence and Space, European Commission
Theo Francken, Minister of Defence, in charge of Foreign Trade, Belgium
Camille Grand, Secretary General, Aerospace, Security and Defence Industries Association of Europe (ASD)
- 09:45 - 10:30** **2030: A PREPARED, CREDIBLE AND CAPABLE EUROPE**
Foundations of Strength: Defining the Pillars of European Industrial Sovereignty
Timo Pesonen, Director-General, DG DEFIS, European Commission
Charles Fries, Deputy Secretary General for Peace, Security and Defence, European External Action Service
Eric Béranger, Chief Executive Officer, MBDA
Matteo Bisceglia, Senior Vice President, Naval Product Development and Partnering, Fincantieri
Moderator:
Daniel Fiott, Head of the Defence and Statecraft Programme, CSDS, Brussels School of Governance
- 10:30 - 10:45** *Coffee Break*
- 10:45 - 12:00** **Rearming Europe: Aligning Policy with Industrial and Military Capabilities**
Introduction
Panayiotis Hadjipavlis, Defence Director, Directorate of General Procurements and Defence Capabilities' Development, Ministry of Defence, Cyprus
Panel
Christophe Gomart, Vice-Chair of the Security and Defence Committee, European Parliament
André Denk, Chief Executive, European Defence Agency
Herald Ruijters, Deputy Director-General and Head of SAFE Task Force, DG DEFIS, European Commission
José Vicente de los Mozos, Chief Executive Officer, Indra
Jean-Brice Dumont, Head of Air Power, Airbus Defence and Space
Stefan A. Hess, Member of the Executive Committee, HENSOLDT
Moderator:
Daniel Fiott, Head of the Defence and Statecraft Programme, CSDS, Brussels School of Governance
- 12:00 - 12:35** **BRIDGING PUBLIC AND PRIVATE RESOURCES ACROSS EUROPE: FUNDING THE EUROPEAN DEFENCE AMBITION**
Part I: Spending More and Better Together – From National to EU Budgets: Defence in the European Competitiveness Fund and the Multiannual Financial Framework
Karolis Aleksa, Vice-minister of National Defence, Lithuania
Martin Schäfer (Amb.), Representative to the Political and Security Committee, Permanent Representation of Germany to the EU
François Arbault, Director for Defence Industrial Programmes and Acting Director for Defence Policy, DG DEFIS, European Commission
Esa Rautalinko, President and Chief Executive Officer, Patria
Moderator:
Federico Santopinto, Senior Research Fellow and Head of the Europe, Strategy, and Security Programme, IRIS
- 12:35 - 13:00** **Part II: Mobilising Private Capital to Strengthen Europe's Defence: Understanding the Future of Defence Private Investment**
Robert de Groot, Vice-President, European Investment Bank
Guillaume de La Brosse, Head of Unit for Defence Policy and Innovation, DG DEFIS, European Commission
Faysal Rahman, Director, Deutsche Bank
Moderator:
Federico Santopinto, Senior Research Fellow and Head of the Europe, Strategy, and Security Programme, IRIS
- 13:00 - 13:15** **In Conversation with**
Liviu-Ionuț Moșteanu, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of National Defence, Romania
Moderator:
Aurélie Pugnet, Chief Defence Correspondent, Euractiv
- 13:15 - 14:30** *Networking Lunch Break*

- 14:30 - 14:45** **In Conversation with**
Constantin-Adrian Ciolponea (Maj. Gen.), SACT Representative Europe, NATO
Moderator:
Lea Pavlovic, Defence, Space and Aviation Manager, Business Bridge Europe - logos
- 14:45 - 15:30** **LEVERAGING EUROPEAN DEFENCE INDUSTRY EXPERTISE FOR COLLECTIVE SECURITY AND DEFENCE**
A Holistic Approach to Ground Capabilities: Land Systems and the Dismounted Soldier
Riho Terras, Vice-Chair of the Security and Defence Committee, European Parliament
Milosz Momot, Head of Unit for Defence Systems, DG DEFIS, European Commission
Carlo Ferlito, Chief Executive Officer and General Manager, Beretta
Jussi Järvinen, Executive Vice President, Protected Mobility, Patria
Moderator:
Alessandro Marrone, Head of "Defence, security and space" programme, IAI
- 15:30 - 15:45** *Coffee Break*
- 15:45 - 16:30** **From Strategy to Shipyards: Strengthening Europe's Naval Readiness**
Vasileios Gryparis (Rear Adm.), Operational Commander, EUNAVFOR ASPIDES
Francisco Casalduero, Programme Manager for Defence Research and Development Programmes, DG DEFIS, European Commission
Pierre Éric Pommellet, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Naval Group
Moderator:
Mihai Sebastian Chihaiia, Policy Analyst, EPC
- 16:30 - 16:50** **Civil Aviation Authorities Facilitating European Defence**
In conversation with:
Florian Guillermet, Executive Director of the European Union Aviation Safety Agency
& Christophe Robin, Head of Design, Daher
Moderator:
Aurélie Pugnet, Chief Defence Correspondent, Euractiv
- 16:50 - 17:20** **FROM COMBAT TO POLICY: BUILDING ON FRONTLINE EXPERIENCE**
Optimising Military Mobility Frameworks and Strategic Enablers
Petras Auštrevičius, Member of the European Parliament
Arūnas Vinčiūnas, Head of Unit for Ukraine Support and Military Mobility, DG DEFIS, European Commission
Alain De Taeye, Member of the Management Board, TomTom
Moderator:
Tímea Lapsánszki, Senior Consultant, Business Bridge Europe - logos
- 17:20 - 18:15** **Innovation in the Battlespace: Experience from Ukraine**
Benedikta von Seherr-Thoss, Managing Director for Peace, Security and Defence, EEAS
François Arbault, Director for Defence Industrial Programmes and Acting Director for Defence Policy, DG DEFIS, European Commission
Maximilian Wied, Co-Founder and CFO, ARX Robotics
Fedir Serdiuk, Co-Founder, MOWA Defense Ukraine
Matthias Lehna, Director Business Development and Government Relations, Quantum Systems
Moderator:
Lea Pavlovic, Defence, Space and Aviation Manager, Business Bridge Europe - logos
- 18:15 - 18:30** **CLOSING ADDRESS**
- 18:30 - 20:30** *Networking Cocktail*

- 14:45 - 15:30** **LEVERAGING EUROPEAN DEFENCE INDUSTRY EXPERTISE FOR COLLECTIVE SECURITY AND DEFENCE**
European Defence Readiness in and from Space: Operationalising and Enhancing Space-Based Intelligence
Ekaterini Kavvada, Director for Secure and Connected Space, DG DEFIS, European Commission
Louis Tillier (Rear Adm.), Director of the European Union Satellite Centre
Philippe Bertrand, Chair of the Security Accreditation Board of the EU Space Programme
Francisco Vilhena da Cunha, Chief Executive Officer, GEOSAT
Clément Galic, Chief Executive Officer and Co-Founder, Unseenlabs
Adriano Baptista, Senior Advisor, EUSI
Moderator:
Julien Bocquet, Associate Director, Business Bridge Europe - logos
- 15:45 - 16:30** **Europe's Defence Digital Capabilities: Harnessing Expertise, Building Capabilities**
Paraskevi Papantoniou, Head of Unit for Defence Single Market and Hybrid Threats, DG DEFIS, European Commission
Fabrice Comptour, Cyberdefence coordinator, DG CONNECT, European Commission
Jouni Flyktman, Vice President for Defence and Security, IQM Quantum Computers
Joost Elstak, Vice President, Missions, ICEYE
Benoît Chatelain, Defence & Security Director, Sopra Steria
Moderator:
Aurélie Pugnet, Chief Defence Correspondent, Euractiv

