



## **5<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Special Group of National Focal Points for the European Defence Fund**

**Brussels, 14 December 2022, 13:30-17:30**

### **Summary Record**

#### **1. INTRODUCTION**

The meeting took place in a hybrid format.

#### **2. POINTS DISCUSSED**

The members of the group addressed the following main items during the meeting:

- **General update on EU security and defence initiatives:** The Commission services provided an update on the recent defence-industry related initiatives, in particular the EU Policy on Cyber Defence, Action Plan on Military Mobility 2.0, and the European Defence Innovation Scheme.
- **Facilitating partner search & matchmaking**  
The Commission outlined a number of existing tools for partner search and matchmaking. The Enterprise Europe Network Sector Group Aerospace & Defence outlined its services and how it could support the activities of the NFPs. The European Defence Agency reported on its activities to support cross-border business and partnerships. The subsequent discussion centred on 3 questions: what tools do NFP use for partner search and matchmaking, what are their experiences with such tools and what further needs are not being addressed by the existing tools.
- Under a point on '**Exchange of best practices of NFP engagement with their stakeholders**', LU NFP made a presentation outlining their experiences with EDF outreach.

#### **3. AOB**

The Commission replied to questions from the NL NFP regarding eligibility and indirect costs. The Commission also announced that it would launch a survey for NFPs in January.

## LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

Austria	Austrian Research Promotion Agency
Belgium	Ministry of Defence FPS Economie Belgium
Bulgaria	Ministry of Economy
Croatia	Ministry of Defence
Cyprus	Ministry of Defence
Czechia	Defence and Security Industry Association
Denmark	Defence and Security Association
Finland	Business Finland
France	Systematic Paris Region
Germany	Ministry of Defence Permanent Representation
Greece	Ministry of Defence
Hungary	Ministry of Technology and Innovation
Ireland	Department of Defence
Italy	AIAD - Federazione Aziende Italiane per l'Aerospazio, la Difesa e la Sicurezza Italy Ministry of Defence
Latvia	Ministry of Defence
Lithuania	Ministry of Defence
Luxembourg	Luxinnovation
The Netherlands	Netherlands Enterprise Agency
Poland	Ministry of Economic Development and Technology Ministry of Defence
Portugal	Ministry of Defence
Romania	Ministry of Economy
Slovakia	Permanent Representation of Slovakia to the EU
Slovenia	Ministry of Defence
Spain	Ministry of Defence
Sweden	Ministry of Defence
Norway	Norwegian Defence and Security Industries Association Ministry of Defence
EU	European Commission, DG DEFIS
EU	European Defence Agency