



3rd meeting of the Special Group of National Focal Points for the European Defence Fund

Brussels, 29 June 2022, 10:00-13:00 h.

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 Joint communication 'Defence investment gaps analysis and way forward' adopted on 18 May 2022 and the EU Defence Innovation Scheme;
- **Support to the National Focal Points network via EDF Work Programme 2022:** The Commission provided detailed information about the EDF Work Programme 2022 call in support of the NFP network (EDF-2022-CSA-NFP). This was accompanied by a presentation from the coordinator of the Horizon 2020 National Focal Points project 'Bridge2HE' who shared his experience with the set-up and management of such projects, as well by an exchange of views with Member States.
- Under a point on '**Experiences of NFP engagement with their stakeholders**', DK and CZ NFPs made presentations outlining their experiences with EDF outreach.

3. NEXT STEPS

The Commission invited NFPs to send suggestions for topics to be addressed at the next NFP meeting, provided information about upcoming ENDR events and about the launch of a new EEN Sector Group 'Aerospace & Defence'.

The next NFP meeting is expected to take place in the second half of September 2022 (date to be confirmed).

4. 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
Estonia	Defence Industry Association
Finland	Business Finland
France	Ministry of Defence Permanent Representation of France to the EU
Germany	Ministry of Defence Permanent Representation of Germany to the EU
Greece	Ministry of Defence
Hungary	Ministry of Technology and Innovation Department of Defence Development
Ireland	Department of Defence
Italy	Ministry of Defence
Latvia	Ministry of Defence
Lithuania	Defence Material Agency
Luxembourg	Luxinnovation
The Netherlands	Netherlands Enterprise Agency
Poland	Ministry of Economic Development and Technology
Portugal	Ministry of Defence
Slovakia	Permanent Representation of Slovakia to the EU
Slovenia	Ministry of Defence
Spain	Ministry of Defence
Sweden	Defence Material Administration
Norway	Ministry of Defence
EU	DG DEFIS