



4th meeting of the Special Group of National Focal Points for the European Defence Fund

Brussels, 30 September 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 proposals for a European Defence Industry Reinforcement through common Procurement Act (EDIRPA).
- **EDF22 calls for proposals:** The Commission provided an overview of updates of call documents related to the EDF22 calls. The Commission also presented the recent set of Frequently Asked Questions regarding the EDF22 calls.
- Under a point on **'Experiences of NFP engagement with their stakeholders'**, BE and NO NFPs made presentations outlining their experiences with EDF outreach.

3. AOB

The Commission suggested to discuss the topic of "facilitating partner search and consortia building" at the next NFP meeting. The Commission also provided a brief update on the state of play regarding the Business Coaching, which is linked to the SME Open Calls in EDF21.

The next NFP meeting is expected to take place in December 2022 (date to be confirmed).

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

Austria	Austrian Research Promotion Agency
Belgium	Ministry of Defence FPS Economie Belgium
Bulgaria	Ministry of Economy
Croatia	Croatian Defense Industry Competitiveness Cluster
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
Greece	Ministry of Defence
Hungary	Ministry of Technology and Innovation Department of Defence Development
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	Defence Material Agency
Malta	Malta Enterprise
The Netherlands	Netherlands Enterprise Agency
Poland	Ministry of Economic Development and Technology
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	DG DEFIS