



8th meeting of the Special Group of National Focal Points for the European Defence Fund

Brussels, 29 April 2024, 13:30-16:30

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:

- **European Defence Fund – Work Programme 2024 and associated calls for proposals:** The Commission provided participants with an update on the EDF Work Programme 2024 and the associated calls for proposals and on practical aspects regarding the proposal submission.
- **European defence industry reinforcement through common procurement act (EDIRPA):** The Commission presented EDIRPA's objectives, call structure and budget as well as the relevant eligibility criteria.
- **Act in Support of Ammunition Production (ASAP):** The Commission informed about the ASAP calls for proposals and recalled that the selection results were announced on 15 March. The grant agreements' preparation is now taking place.
- **European Defence Industrial Strategy (EDIS) and the proposal for European Defence Investment Programme (EDIP):** The Commission informed the participants about the adoption of EDIS, the European Defence Industrial Strategy - and presented its main highlights, as well as about the main elements of the proposal for a European Defence Investment Programme (EDIP), which is now under negotiations with the co-legislators.
- **EDF Interim Evaluation:** The Commission presented the current state of play of the ongoing EDF interim evaluation. In line with the evaluations' stakeholders consultation strategy, NFPs will be consulted via a dedicated questionnaire.

- **Outreach activities:** The Commission presented the main upcoming outreach events organised by and with the involvement of DEFIS.
- **EDF Project in support of the EDF National Focal Points' Network:** The coordinator of the NFP project informed the network about the projects' progress and the envisaged activities. Importantly, activities developed within the projects would be available to all NFPs.
- **Introduction of additional participants to NFP meeting:** Participants discussed the participation rules in view of potentially extending participation to the meetings to additional colleagues from the organisations hosting EDF NFPs.

3. AOB

The Commission encouraged NFPs to share their recommendations and suggestions how to enhance further the work of the group. Next meeting of the group is planned for 7 November 2024.

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

Austria	Austrian Research Promotion Agency
Belgium	Ministry of Defence
Bulgaria	Ministry of Economy
Croatia	Croatian Defence Industry Competitiveness Cluster
Cyprus	Ministry of Defence
Czechia	Defence and Security Industry Association
Denmark	Danish Defence and Security Association
Finland	Business Finland
Germany	Permanent Representation of Germany to the EU, VDI Technology Center
Greece	Ministry of Defence
Hungary	Ministry of Defence
Italy	Ministry of Defence
Latvia	Ministry of Defence
Netherlands	Ministry of Defence, Netherlands Enterprise Agency (RVO)
Poland	Ministry of Defence, 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	Swedish Defence Materiel Administration
Norway	Norwegian Defence and Security Industries Association