



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

**Brussels, 11 May 2023, 09:30-13:30**

### **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 Act in Support of Ammunition Production, the adoption of the General Block Exemption Regulation (including the introduction of dedicated EDF co-financing provisions), and the Critical Raw Materials Act.
- **EDF23 Work Programme:** The Commission presented in detail the EDF23 Work Programme, which consists of 34 topics and has a budget of EUR 1.18 billion, and provided further clarifications in follow up to questions by NFPs.
- **Main aspects of actual indirect costs under EDF:** The Commission outlined elements related to filling in the declaration of indirect costs for EDF funded projects, carrying out of related checks, and provided an overview of common errors.
- **Feedback on NFP activities incl. NFP 2022 Survey:** The Commission presented the outcome of the NFP 2022 Survey as well as the feedback received from NFPs on partner search and matchmaking following the discussion at the previous NFP meeting.

#### **3. AOB**

The Commission informed that the updated submission forms for the EDF 2023 calls have been made available on 10 May on the Funding & Tender Portal. Austria announced it is planning a national EDF Info Day on 19-20 September 2023.

List of participants

Austria	Austrian Research Promotion Agency
Belgium	Ministry of Defence FPS Economie Belgium
Bulgaria	Ministry of Economy and Industry
Croatia	Croatian Defense Industry Competitiveness Cluster
Cyprus	Ministry of Defence
Czechia	Defence and Security Industry Association
Denmark	Defence and Security Association
Finland	Business Finland
France	Ministry of Defence Systematic Paris Region
Germany	Permanent Representation to the EU
Greece	Ministry of Defence
Hungary	Ministry of Defence
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	Ministry of Economic Affairs and Climate Netherlands Enterprise Agency
Poland	Ministry of Economic Development and Technology Ministry of Defence
Slovakia	Permanent Representation to the EU
Slovenia	Ministry of Defence
Spain	Ministry of Defence
Sweden	Ministry of Defence
Norway	Norwegian Defence and Security Industries Association
EU	European Commission, DG DEFIS & DG GROW