



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

**Brussels, 21 March 2022, 10:00-17:00 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:

- The Group adopted its Rules of Procedure by consensus;
- The Commission provided a general update on EU Security and Defence initiatives with a focus on the Commission Defence Package of 15 February 2022;
- The Commission provided detailed information on the EDF Regulation, in particular regarding:
  - Key principles of EDF
  - Eligibility conditions
  - Ethics, selection and award criteria
  - Financial aspects
  - Security of Information aspects
- The Commission presented the main outline of the Directive on intra-EU transfers of defence-related products (Directive 2009/43/EC) and to other relevant issues linked to defence export control;
- Under a point on 'Experiences of NFP engagement with their stakeholders', AT and LT gave presentations outlining their experiences in organising national info days on the EDF;
- The Commission presented the outline of future support to NFPs.

#### **3. NEXT STEPS**

The Commission recalled the possibility to support the organisation of national EDF info days.

A tentative planning and agenda of the next meetings of the group was presented by the Commission. The next meeting is expected to take place in the second half of June 2022 (date to be confirmed).

#### 4. LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

Country	Organisation
Austria	Austrian Research Promotion Agency
Belgium	Ministry of Defence Federal Public Service of Economy
Bulgaria	Ministry of Economy
Cyprus	Ministry of Defence
Croatia	Ministry of Defence
Czech Republic	Defence and Security Industry Association
Denmark	Defence and Security Association
Estonia	Defence Industry Association
Finland	Ministry of Defence
France	Ministry of Defence Permanent Representation of France to the EU
Germany	Permanent Representation of Germany to the EU
Greece	Ministry of Defence
Hungary	Government Office of the Prime Minister - Department of Defence Development Ministry for Innovation and Technology
Ireland	Department of Defence
Latvia	Ministry of Defence
Lithuania	Defence Material Agency
Luxemburg	Luxinnovation
Malta	Malta Enterprise
Poland	Ministry of Defence Ministry of Economic Development and Technology
Portugal	Ministry of Defence
Romania	Ministry of Economy, Entrepreneurship and Tourism Ministry of Defence
Slovakia	Permanent Representation of Slovakia to the EU
Slovenia	Ministry of Defence
Spain	Ministry of Defence
Sweden	Defence Materiel Administration
The Netherlands	Netherlands Enterprise Agency
Norway	Ministry of Defence
EU	European Commission services European Defence Agency