



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

Brussels, 3 December 2021, 10:00-16:00 h.

Summary Record

1. INTRODUCTION

The Commission organised the first meeting of the Special Group of National Focal Points for the European Defence Fund (NFP-EDF) on 3 December 2021. The meeting took place in a virtual format.

2. POINTS DISCUSSED

The members of the group addressed the following main items during the meeting:

- The status of the Special Group and organisational matters related to the functioning of the group;
- Information about the NFP-EDF web page and wider communication;
- Support to NFPs in terms of training and best practices during 2022;
- Commission services provided an overview of SME outreach actions, with focus on the European Network of Defence-related Regions, EDF national info days and Business Coaching;
- A representative of the European Innovation Council and SME Executive Agency (EISMEA) provided information about the activities of the Enterprise Europe Network;
- A representative of the European Defence Agency informed about their engagement activities with defence industry;
- Members were informed about the setup and support provided by the Commission to the network of National Contact Points (NCPs) under the Horizon Europe R&I programme.

3. NEXT STEPS

The Commission informed that revised Guiding Principles and draft Rules of Procedure would be sent to NFP's ahead of the second meeting of the group.

The next SG NFP-EDF meeting is expected to take place in March 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 Ministry of Defence
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
Greece	Ministry of Defence
Hungary	Government Office of the Prime Minister of Hungary Ministry for Innovation and Technology
Ireland	Department of Defence
Italy	Ministry of Defence
Latvia	Ministry of Defence
Lithuania	Defence Material Agency
Luxemburg	Luxinnovation
Poland	Ministry of Defence
Portugal	Ministry of Defence
Romania	Ministry of Economy, Entrepreneurship and Tourism
Slovakia	Permanent Representation of Slovakia to the EU
Slovenia	Ministry of Defence
Spain	Ministry of Defence
The Netherlands	Netherlands Enterprise Agency Ministry of Economic Affairs and Climate
Norway	Ministry of Defence
EU bodies	European Commission services European Defence Agency