

High-Level Thematic Debate

Transformation of the European Defence Industry

September 6, 2023

MSPO, Kielce, Poland

Omega hall, 10:30-13:30

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Agenda

10:30-10:35

Official opening ceremony

1. Mr Andrzej MOCHON, President of Targi Kielce S.A.
2. Mr Grzegorz PIECHOWIAK, Secretary of State at the Ministry of Economic Development and Technology

10:35-11:35

Discussion Panel I. How has the war in Ukraine influenced the direction and dynamics of the development of the European defence industry?

The war in Ukraine poses a long-term and immediate threat to mutual security that Europe must confront. This situation puts the themes of high-intensity conflict and the evolution of the war economy in the spotlight. In this context, the expectations of the Armed Forces as end-users towards manufacturers are high. Thanks to the expertise of high-level speakers, the event will aim to provide answers on the directions and dynamics of the development within the European defence industry, including the possibilities of increasing efficiency, but also the limitations of the defence industry development.

Panellists:

1. Mr Karsten LEPPER, Representative of the German Industry for Defence and Security to the EU (BDI/BDSV)
2. Ms Tuija KARANKO, Secretary General, Association of Finnish Defence and Aerospace Industries (AFDA)
3. Mr Robert JUODKA, Member of the Board of the Lithuanian Defence and Security Industry Association (LDSIA)
4. Mr Henrik Navntoft SØNDERSKOV, Chief consultant, Danish Defence and Security Industries Association (DIDAS), Confederation of Danish Industry
5. Mr Adam BARTOSIEWICZ, Vice-president of WB Group, Poland

Moderator: Ms Justyna GOTKOWSKA, Deputy Director of the Centre for Eastern Studies in Poland

11:35-11:45

Coffee Break

11:45-12:45

Discussion Panel II. EU policy instruments for the development of the defence industry

The discussion will focus on the role played by project cooperation under the European Defence Fund, i.e. the main instrument aimed at financing research and development projects in the defence sector of the EU. We will examine, how the Fund affects the cooperation between enterprises and research entities in the EU in the field of state-of-the-art and interoperable defence technologies and equipment. As part of the panel will be able to obtain information about the wide significance use of the EDF.

The panel will refer also to the Act in Support of Ammunition Production (ASAP) and the European defence industry Reinforcement through common Procurement Act (EDIRPA).

Panellists:

1. Mr Miłosz MOMOT, Head of Unit, EDF Implementation - Defence Systems, Directorate-General for Defence Industry and Space, European Commission
2. Mr Pieter TAAL, Head of Unit Industry Strategy & EU Policies, European Defence Agency
3. Col. Jacek NAJS, Deputy Director of Defence Innovation Department at the Ministry of National Defence, Poland
4. Mr Rafał JĘDRZEJAK, Unit Manager, External Funds Unit, Department of Strategy and External Funds at PGZ S.A.
5. Dr Rafał NAMIOTKO, Production and R&D Director, OBR CTM S.A.
6. Mr Krzysztof SAMP, Director at ITTI (SME), Poland

Moderator: Dr Marcin TERLIKOWSKI, Deputy Head of Research Office, the Polish Institute of International Affairs

12:45-13:30

Discussion Panel III. Synergies between defence and space industries

The Panel will focus on exchanging information on the implementation of the EU space strategy and the NATO space operational domain for the security and defence of the Republic of Poland. The discussion will concentrate on the European space programmes and space to support the development of new operational capabilities in a European and transatlantic dimension, the reflection of European interests in space, the military use of space as an operational domain, dual-use technology applications and space

infrastructure, and the role of the European industry in supporting the ambitions of EU and NATO in space. The panel will be an opportunity to identify possible synergies between defence and space, and to track potential directions of development of defence projects in the dimension of space capabilities, including building satellite capabilities given the new EU space programmes and their complementarity with defence programmes. The panel will also be an opportunity to present an offer for the New Space industry and start-ups, as well as SMEs.

Panellists:

1. Mr Rodrigo da COSTA, Executive Director at EUSPA - EU Agency for the Space Programme
2. Gen. Marcin GÓRKA, Director of Innovation Department, Ministry of National Defence, Poland
3. Dr Paweł STĘŻYCKI, Director of Łukasiewicz – Institute of Aviation, Poland
4. Dr Michał WIERCINIŃSKI, Vice-President of the Polish Space Agency

Moderator: Mr Paweł WOJTKIEWICZ, Chairman of the Board at Polish Space Industry Association

13:30-13:35

Closing of the debate