

EURODEFENSE CHARTER

EURODEFENSE is a network of national associations (chapters) in EU and former Member States (14 today). Their aim is to contribute through the reflections and professional experiences of their members to a credible and efficient European Defence, based on solidarity. EURODEFENSE national chapters are independent, private and non-profit. They bring together motivated individuals and legal entities wishing to contribute to the associations work, studies and actions. They come from political, diplomatic, military, economic, academic and social backgrounds, without distinction of political opinions. The networking of these associations improves the reflection, allows the elaboration of common proposals and the progressive creation of a common Defence and Security culture.

OBJECTIVES

- contribute to the studies on EU and European vulnerabilities, on its defence and on the related strategies. A particular attention should be paid to capability aspects and to the preservation of an autonomous and competitive European defence technological and industrial base;
- organise European meetings fostering exchanges on security and defence technological issues;
- maintain regular contacts with national authorities and EU institutions in charge of Defence issues, and to assist them in their work, based on concrete reflections and proposals;
- to raise citizens awareness of the interest, importance and implications of an European defence approach, in particular in highlighting that Member States have common interests;
- to progressively extend the EURODEFENSE network, in all EU countries.

NB : the approach promoted by EURODEFENSE is not an alternative to the transatlantic relationship, but an essential factor for its sustainability.

ORGANISATION

The network is placed under the authority of the EURODEFENSE Council, composed of the presidents of the national associations, with an annually rotating presidency and of a Secretary General. Decisions shall be taken by consensus. Their reporting, approved by the presidents, shall be drawn up in French and English, by the Secretary General. The association holding the presidency organises the network's annual international meeting, chairs council meetings and presents to the European authorities the findings approved by the presidents. The Secretary General assists the President in office, facilitates the network activities, monitors the European Working Groups and Observatories, and proposes the agenda.

Activities

- Systematic dialogue and search for common positions within the network. Mutual communication of national work.
- Dissemination every year of at least one EURODEFENSE report to the European institutions in Brussels.
- Studies by European Working Groups, chaired by different national associations.
- International European Meetings (IEM). Currently taking place on an annual basis.
- Young Europeans Meetings.
- Organisation of national conferences, debates and seminars, to which other associations are invited.
- Management of a website.

French and English are the working languages, as well as the language of the country in which the activity is taking place (with translation).

The Network

(in order of ancisity and current Presidents)

- EuroDéfense-France (1994)
Jean Fournet,
Lieutenant General (ret.), former NATO ASG
- EuroDéfense-Deutschland (1994)
Ralph Thiele, Colonel (ret.)
- EuroDéfense - Italia (1995)
Fabrizio Liuccioli, Professor
- EuroDéfense-España (1995)
Gabriel del Toro, Businessman
- EuroDéfense-Belgium (1995)
Jacques Rosiers, Rear Admiral (ret)
- EuroDéfense-Nederland (1995)
Ernst van Hoek, Former NATO RTA director
- EuroDéfense - United-Kingdom (1996)
Robert Walter, Former President WEU Assembly
- EuroDéfense-Portugal (1997)
Luis Valença Pinto, General (ret.), Former
Chief of Defence
Former Defence Minister
- EuroDéfense-Austria (2001)
Werner Fasslabend, Former Defence Minister
- EuroDéfense-Greece (2003)
Theodossis Georgiou, Lawyer
- EuroDéfense-Magyarország (2005)
Tamas Rath, Colonel (ret.)- Engineer

- EuroDéfense-Romania(2006)
Liviu Muresan, CEO
 - EuroDéfense Finland (2020)
Hanna Ojanen,
Research Director, Tampere University
 - EuroDéfense-Denmark (2021)
Romain Lefebvre, Consultant
- Motto:
There can be no defense without Europe
and no Europe without defense.

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