

EDA Defence Industry Conference

AGENDA

26 February 2026, 09:30 – 16:00

European Parliament premises

- 08:30 – 09:30 **Registration & welcome coffee**
- 09:30 – 09:50 **Welcome addresses** by André DENK (EDA Chief Executive) and Marie-Agnes STRACK-ZIMMERMANN (Chair of the European Parliament Committee on Security and Defence).
- 09:50 – 10:00 **Overview of EDA Industry Engagement** - Dr Baudouin HEUNINCKX, Acting Director Industry Synergies and Enablers, EDA.
- 10:00 – 10:10 **Capability Development and Armament Procurement** - Franck DESIT, Deputy Director Capability Armaments and Planning, EDA.
- 10:10 – 10:20 **Research Technology and Innovation**- Michal WIERCIŃSKI, Deputy Director, Research Technology and Innovation, EDA.
- 10:20 – 10:50 **Q&A session: exchange with participants**
- 10:50 – 11:05 *Coffee break*
- 11:05 – 12:15 **Panel: Strengthening Cooperation and Interoperability in the European Defence Industry**

Moderator: Eleftherios ANDREADIS, Policy Officer, EDA

Speakers: Burkard SCHMITT, Director Defence ASD

Isabelle DESJEUX, European Affairs Director, Safran Electronics and Defence

Olympios RAPTIS, Head of EU Public Affairs, THEON

Nicolás PASCUAL DE LA PARTE, Member of the European Parliament

Lucia ANNUNZIATA, Member of the European Parliament

Q&A session: exchange of views with participants

- 12:15 – 13:45 *Networking Lunch*
- 13:45 – 14:00 **European Commission** (Edouard SIMON, Team Leader Defence, Industrial Policy, DG DEFIS)
- Update on Defence Single Market initiatives

- 14:00 - 14:15 **Q&A session: exchange of views with participants**
- 14:15 – 14:25 **European Investment Bank** (Oliver Cusworth, Senior Policy Advisor, Defence and Security Office, EIB)
- 14:25 - 14:40 **Q&A session: exchange of views with participants**
- 14:40 – 15:50 **Panel: Institutional and industry efforts to secure defence supply chains**
- Moderator:** *Rory DOMM Head of Division, SECDEFPOL1, EEAS*
- Speakers:** Paraskevi PAPANTONIOU, Head of Unit Defence Single Market and Hybrid Threats, DG DEFIS
Michel HONLET, Business Development Manager, Hensoldt
Razvan-Horia BOTIS, RO OPIA and Vice Chair of NIAG
Carl-Johan LIND, Policy Officer EDA
Tobias CREMER, Member of the European Parliament
- Q&A session: exchange of views with participants
- 15:50 – 16:00 **Concluding remarks** by André DENK (EDA Chief Executive) and Marie-Agnes STRACK-ZIMMERMANN (Chair of the European Parliament Committee on Security and Defence).