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To: EDA PARTICIPATING MEMBER STATES NATIONAL DEFENCE INDUSTRY ASSOCIATIONS (NDIAs) AND AEROSPACE AND DEFENCE INDUSTRIES ASSOCIATION OF EUROPE (ASD)

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13TH EDA REACH PLENARY MEETING – SESSION WITH INDUSTRY, 21 APRIL 2021

Annex 1: 13th EDA REACH Plenary Meeting – Session with Industry, 21 April 2021 – Draft Agenda

Annex 2: EDA REACH Roadmap 2018-2020 Gantt Chart (latest version)

EDA is organising the next (13th) EDA REACH Plenary meeting on **Wednesday 21** and **Thursday 22 April 2021** through electronic means (Webex)¹. The purpose of the meeting is to inform EDA participating Member States (pMS) on the overall status and way ahead of EDA REACH (and related EU Chemicals and Waste Regulations') activities, including activities planned for years 2021-2023, and to discuss a number of topics of common interest².

Taking into account that industry is an important stakeholder in REACH defence-related issues and based on EDA pMS expressed interest to maintain the close engagement with industry previously established on REACH and other related EU Chemicals and Waste Regulations, EDA has the pleasure

¹ Detailed technical information on how to join the meeting will be provided by EDA, through a dedicated webex invitation to be sent to registered participants, in due time before the meeting.

² On the basis also of the outcome and relevant decisions on EDA REACH activities, by the upcoming EDA Steering Board in National Armament Directors (NAD) composition, planned to take place on 11 March 2021.

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to invite industry to participate in the EDA REACH Plenary meeting in a dedicated session with industry participation.

Considering the wide range of REACH issues of common interest between EDA pMS and industry, the EDA REACH meeting with industry is planned to last one full day, for the first time, and is scheduled to take place on **21 April 2021, between 09.00 and 17.30**.

The European Commission, the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) and the European Space Agency (ESA) will also be invited to participate in the meeting.

The 21 April 2021 EDA REACH meeting with industry will be comprised of 2 main parts:

- General Updates' part: an update by EDA on status and recent developments of the Agency's activities on REACH will be presented. The Commission and ECHA will update participants on their activities on REACH, of interest to defence stakeholders. Acknowledging the common interest between defence and space stakeholders on REACH, ESA will present to participants the status and recent developments on REACH activities in the European space sector. The ASD REACH and Chemicals Management Working Group will provide a presentation on industry's REACH activities at European level. National Defence Industry Associations (NDIAs), if interested, can also provide similar presentations on activities at national level³;
- Thematic Topics' part: a discussion and exchange of views among all participants on specific topics of common interest, will take place. EDA will shortly introduce each topic and inform participants on status of EDA related activities, opening the floor for discussion. Short introductory presentations by interested industries can also be facilitated, under the different topics, if required⁴.

During the next day 22 April 2021, the EDA REACH Plenary meeting will continue in a closed (Member States only) format.

Based on the above mentioned, a draft overall agenda for the 21 April 2021 EDA REACH meeting with industry is attached as **Annex 1**.

A copy of the latest version of the EDA REACH Roadmap 2018-2020 Gantt Chart, is attached as **Annex 2**, for further information of interested participants on different EDA REACH activities/sub-activities and their progress/status of implementation. Additional information on background and recent

³ NDIAs interested to provide such a presentation, are kindly requested to inform EDA accordingly via e-mail to the EDA REACH PoCs mentioned, **by CoB 14 April 2021** at the latest, providing to EDA a copy of the relevant slides (in .ppt format). The targeted duration for such presentation will be 10 minutes maximum.

⁴ Industries interested to provide such presentation(s), are kindly requested to inform EDA accordingly via e-mail to the EDA REACH PoCs mentioned, **by CoB 14 April 2021** at the latest, providing to EDA a copy of the relevant slides (in .ppt format). The targeted duration for such presentation will be 5 minutes maximum.

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developments on EDA REACH activities can be found at EDA REACH webpage: <https://eda.europa.eu/what-we-do/all-activities/activities-search/reach>.

Participants are kindly requested to confirm their attendance to the meeting by e-mail to ise@eda.europa.eu⁵, copy the EDA PoCs mentioned below, as soon as possible and by **CoB 14 April 2021** at the latest.

You are kindly requested to bring this information to the attention of your members. The Aerospace and Defence Industries Association of Europe (ASD) is kindly requested to disseminate this information only to its members located in the European Economic Area (EEA).

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