

Dear colleagues,

DG DEFIS has the pleasure to welcome you all at the virtual launch event of the **European Defence Fund (EDF)**, dedicated to the landmark adoption of the EDF Regulation and the EDF Work Programme for 2021.

The event will take place on Wednesday **30 June from 14:30 to 17:00** and will be [livestreamed here](#).

THE AGENDA

14.30-15.05 Session#1 “EDF – A Paradigm Shift?”

15.05-15.45 Press Event

15.45-17.00 Session#2 “EU Cooperation in Defence R&D: from the precursors to the Fund”

More information on the panels and high-level speakers eu-defence-fund-launch.eu and [DEFIS Intranet](#)

Feel free to share the attached official visuals with your stakeholders and social media community.



European Union

#EUDefenceIndustry



DAY : 30 JUNE 2021
HOUR : 15.05-15.45 CET



THE EUROPEAN DEFENCE FUND

A Building Block for EU Strategic Autonomy

LAUNCH EVENT of EDF Regulation and EDF work Programme



PRESS POINT



THIERRY
BRETON
EUROPEAN COMMISSIONER
FOR INTERNAL MARKET



CRISTIAN-SILVIU
BUŞOI
MEMBER OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND CHAIR OF
THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT COMMITTEE ON INDUSTRY,
RESEARCH AND ENERGY



JÓÃO GOMES
CRAVINHO
MINISTER OF DEFENCE
OF PORTUGAL



European Union

#EUDefenceIndustry



DAY : 30 JUNE 2021
HOUR : 14.30-15.05 CET



THE EUROPEAN DEFENCE FUND

A Building Block for EU Strategic Autonomy

LAUNCH EVENT of EDF Regulation and EDF work Programme



EDF: A PARADIGM SHIFT?



THIERRY
BRETON
EUROPEAN COMMISSIONER
FOR INTERNAL MARKET



CRISTIAN-SILVIU
BUŞOI
MEMBER OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND CHAIR OF
THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT COMMITTEE ON INDUSTRY,
RESEARCH AND ENERGY



JÓÃO GOMES
CRAVINHO
MINISTER OF DEFENCE
OF PORTUGAL



MODERATED BY
**KLAUS
BOLVING**
CEO
DANISH INNOVATION CLUSTER "CENTER FOR
DEFENCE, SPACE AND SECURITY" (CENSEC)



#EUDefenceIndustry



THE EUROPEAN DEFENCE FUND

A Building Block for EU Strategic Autonomy

LAUNCH EVENT
of the EDF Regulation and EDF Work Programme

DAY : 30 JUNE 2021
HOUR : 14.30-17.00 CET



European Union

#EUDefenceIndustry



DAY : 30 JUNE 2021
HOUR : 15.45-17.00 CET



THE EUROPEAN DEFENCE FUND

A Building Block for EU Strategic Autonomy

LAUNCH EVENT of EDF Regulation and EDF work Programme

SESSION
#2

EU COOPERATION IN DEFENCE R&D: FROM THE PRECURSORS TO THE FUND



TIMO PESONEN
DIRECTOR GENERAL DG DEFIS,
EUROPEAN COMMISSION



KADI SILDE
UNDERSECRETARY FOR DEFENCE POLICY
ESTONIAN MINISTRY OF DEFENCE



HANS-MARTIN PASTUSZKA
HEAD OF BUSINESS UNIT
FRAUNHOFER INSTITUTE FOR TECHNOLOGICAL
TREND ANALYSIS INT



KATARINA BJÖRKLUND
VICE PRESIDENT SAAB
GROUP STRATEGY



FRANÇOIS ARBAULT
DIRECTOR FOR DEFENCE INDUSTRY
DG DEFIS, EUROPEAN COMMISSION



MODERATED BY
KLAUS BØLVIG
CEO
DANISH INNOVATION CLUSTER
"CENTER FOR DEFENCE, SPACE
AND SECURITY" (CENSEC)



ALICE MIZRAHI
SCIENTIFIC RESEARCHER
THALES



ANTONIOS PEPPAS
CEO
ETME HYDRO
ENGINEERING