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# President's word

2020 has not taken place as planned and our ambitions had to be revised. Nevertheless, our newly founded association, launched two months prior to the breakout of the pandemic, was able to strengthen the links between its members and to start interesting projects.

Year 2021 will be the continuity of 2020, with more members on board, with the focus on a better presence on social media. Thus, we expect to reach more potential members and gain visibility with our projects. It is our goal to continue attracting young members with interesting profiles, who are experienced in European defence matters.

Moreover, the further development of partnerships and securing of funding are targets for 2021. This will allow our European members, after their remote cooperation, to meet physically soon. Likewise, it will also allow us to organize and execute our first seminar. Our vision, mission and values are still the same and we still work with the quote of Robert Schumann in mind: **“World peace cannot be safeguarded without the making of creative efforts proportionate to the dangers which threaten it. The contribution which an organized and living Europe can bring to civilization is indispensable to the maintenance of peaceful relations“ (9th May 1951).**

The EDN is relevant for the building of a peaceful Europe. And all the members are proud and happy to contribute to this purpose.

We are convinced that it is through dialogue, values of excellence, respect and mutual trust that Europe will continue to be built.

This brochure will give you more insights about the scope of our activities as well as our motivation.

If our association particularly raised your attention, do not hesitate to contact us (our contact details are at the end of the brochure), we will be delighted to discuss with you and think about a possible partnership.

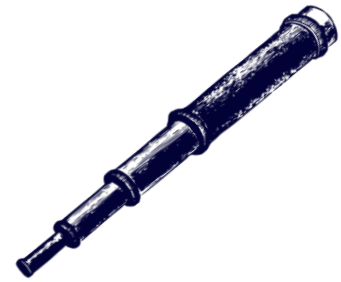
Yours truly,  
Charlotte Kopp

President of the [European Defence Network](#)

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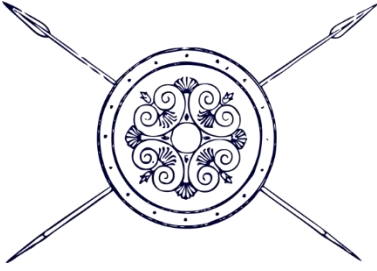
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# Vision



- 1** Committing to the heritage of the founders of the European Union, the European Defence Network (EDN) supports the **vision of an integrated Europe** that is able to guarantee the continent's **sovereignty** in a growingly **unpredictable and volatile world**
- 2** The EDN is striving for being an enabler for the realization of this vision by **connecting Europe's young generation**, deliver insights in form of **high-quality analysis on defence topics** and finally by **training people to solve tomorrow's challenges**
- 3** The only principle anchored in our DNA is the **belief in a strong and sustainable Europe that fosters an environment of integrity and safety for all its citizens** and as such our opinions, publications, and frameworks follow and promote none other but this principle

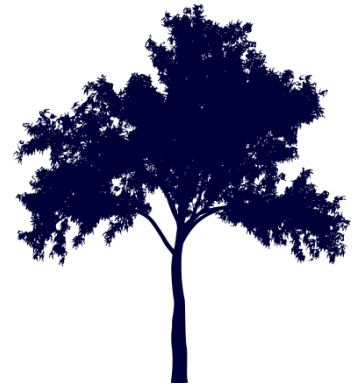




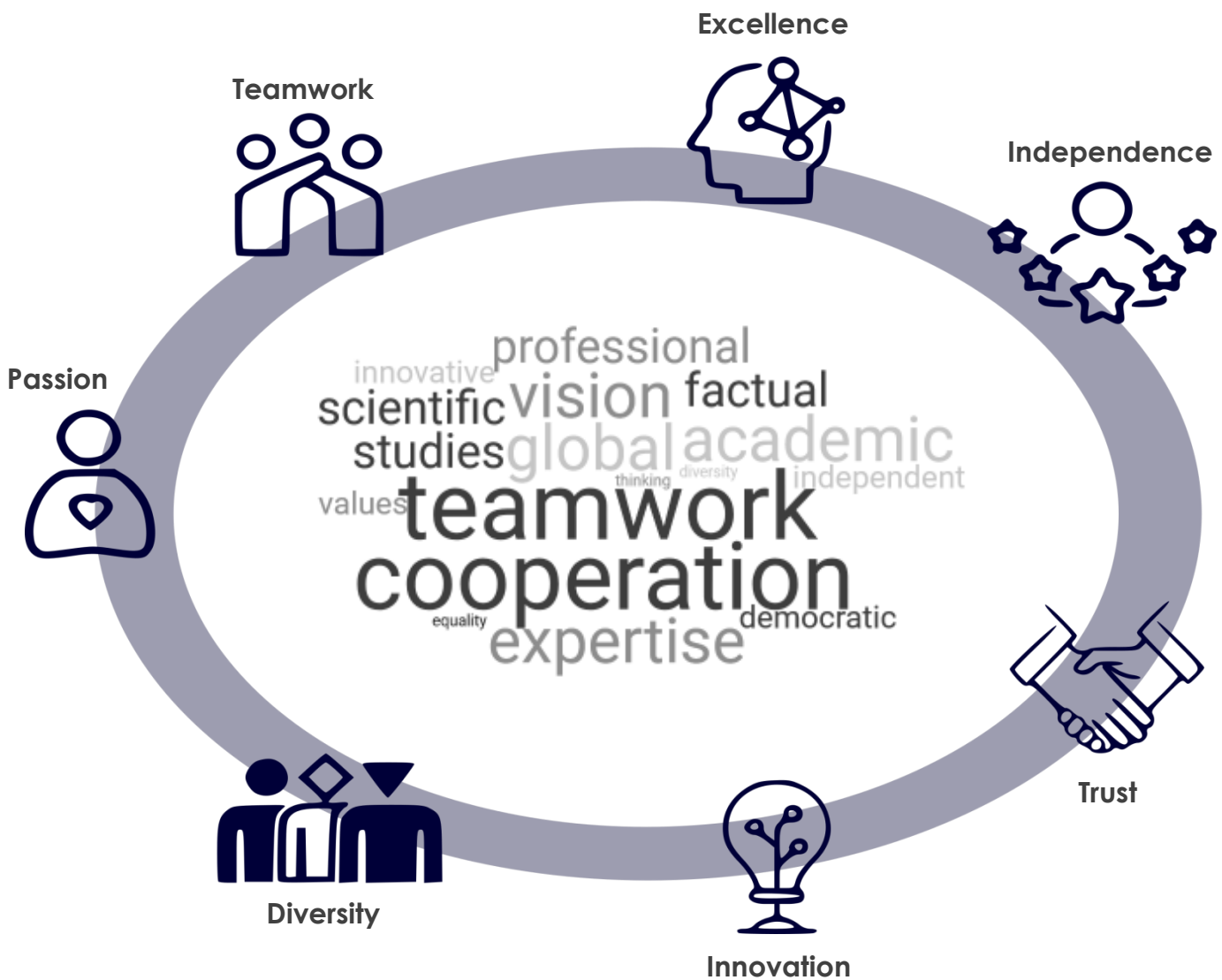
## Mission

- 1** The EDN strives **to build a strong network of students and young professionals**, who share a passion for defence and security politics as well as for Europe
- 2** The objective is to **create forward thinking concepts and studies, organize educational and stimulating events** and ultimately **build a platform for international exchange** of ideas on a European level
- 3** Advised by a pool experts and deciders (**wisewomen & wismen**) the EDN is aiming **at developing the intercultural competencies and analytical thinking** of its members from academia, industry as well as from the administration (politics and military)
- 4** Accordingly, embedded in this network its members will contribute substantially to **find solutions for Europe's future defence and security challenges** beyond individual national interest with a special focus on younger generations to ensure equity, diversity and perspective





# Values



*Our conclusive perspectives are not based upon and are always neutral towards political agendas, confessions, industrial influence and other distortions of any kind*

# The steering committee



## VICE PRESIDENT

Peter, German

After having served in the German Air Force for 14 years, Peter is currently expanding his aerospace engineering and managerial expertise to the domain of strategy consulting. However, he stays bonded to the defence and security ecosystem as a reserve staff officer and co-founding member of the EDN. He is determined to pursue the vision of a more efficient collaboration and exchange between different disciplines and domains in the European defence landscape



## PRESIDENT

Charlotte, French

Charlotte has been an aeronautical engineer for over 5 years. After 2 years of VIE at Airbus Helicopters in Bavaria, she chose to move to Munich to work in consulting. She spent half her life in France and half her life in Germany. By working on the NH90 program in particular, she was able to grasp the various issues involved in multinational collaboration and had the idea of creating this organization with the main objective of contributing to the construction of a European defence on clear and solid foundations, by promoting the spirit of European defence among its young players



## GENERAL SECRETARY

Pierre-Louis, French

Eyes already turned to the sky since childhood, it was natural for Pierre-Louis to join the aeronautical world. After engineering school and advanced pilot training, it was time to get involved in major programs and discover a high level of cooperation among European neighbours. Convinced by the need to work together and promote a common European defence spirit, he wanted to get involved in this adventure

## Wisewomen & wisemen

Our wisemen are executives and decision-makers in the defence sector. They come from industry, government (such as MoDs) or from institution (Think Tanks or Non Governmental Organizations), and agreed to offer us their support for the achievement of our goals





### Treasurer

Brice, French

After graduating in aeronautical engineering, Brice has been working in the defence industry for 4 years. There, he quickly grew passionate about defence and operations topics. In this spirit, he recently joined the French Navy air forces to serve and concretise his contribution in Defence matters. Committed to answering the challenges of today's world, he joined the EDN initiative as a founding member with the objective to bring together young Europeans and be an actor in the construction of European defence.



### HO PARTNERSHIP

Patrick, German

After completing a dual study program with a degree in Industrial Engineering, Patrick began his employment at Airbus Defence and Space in Germany as Innovation Manager and Business Developer. Politically interested, he joined a Bavarian working group for external security and political affairs (ASP)



### HO COMMUNICATION

Claire, French

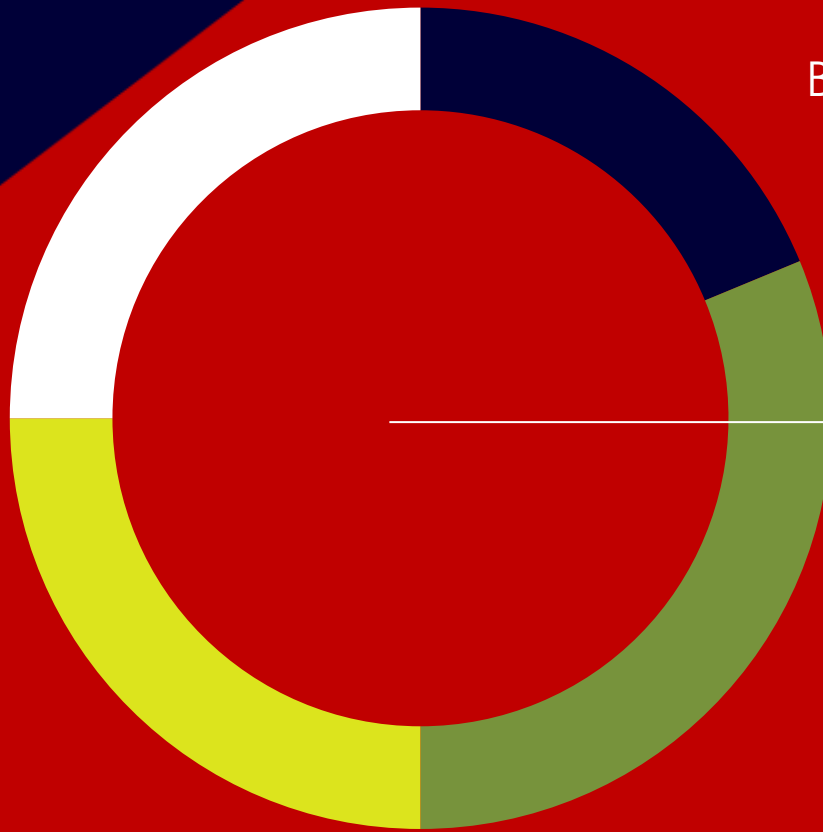
After completing her studies in mechanical and aeronautical engineering, Claire has been working in the French defence industry for more than five years, thus enlarging her understanding of French defence topics.

Bolstered by her two internships in Germany (Airbus Hamburg and ThyssenKrupp), she wants to develop the European defence vision, especially for the younger generation. That's why she is also a Navy Reserve Officer, responsible for teaching students about Army basics and the French Marine. She perceives EDN as a great opportunity to build our Europe of tomorrow

# The team profile

The EDN team is composed of the **steering committee** and the **members**

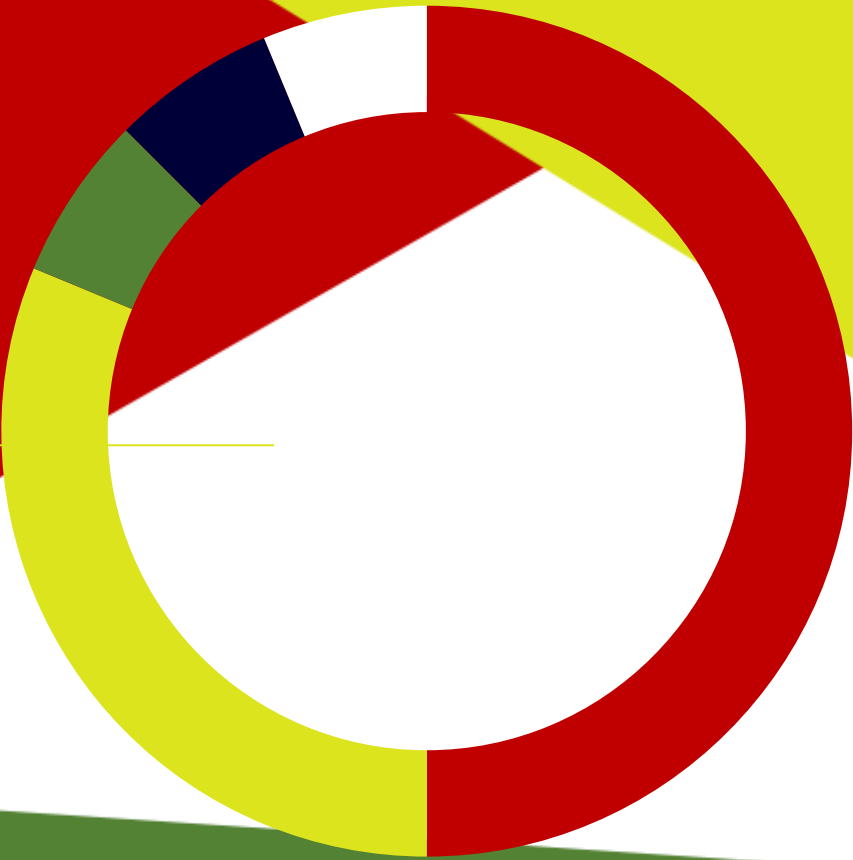
## 16 Persons



■ International Relation ■ Military ■ Industrie ■ Service

# 5 nationalities

Nationalities



■ France ■ Germany ■ Italy ■ Spain ■ UK

# Our targets

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## Learn

- Obtaining **intercultural competencies**
- Developing **expertise/knowledge**
- Gaining **exclusive insights** on an intra-European level
- Discovering **new places**

## Work

- Publication of **analyses**
- **Thinking together** about the values, interests, strategies and solutions for Europe
- **Organizing** high-value seminars, conferences and virtual formats

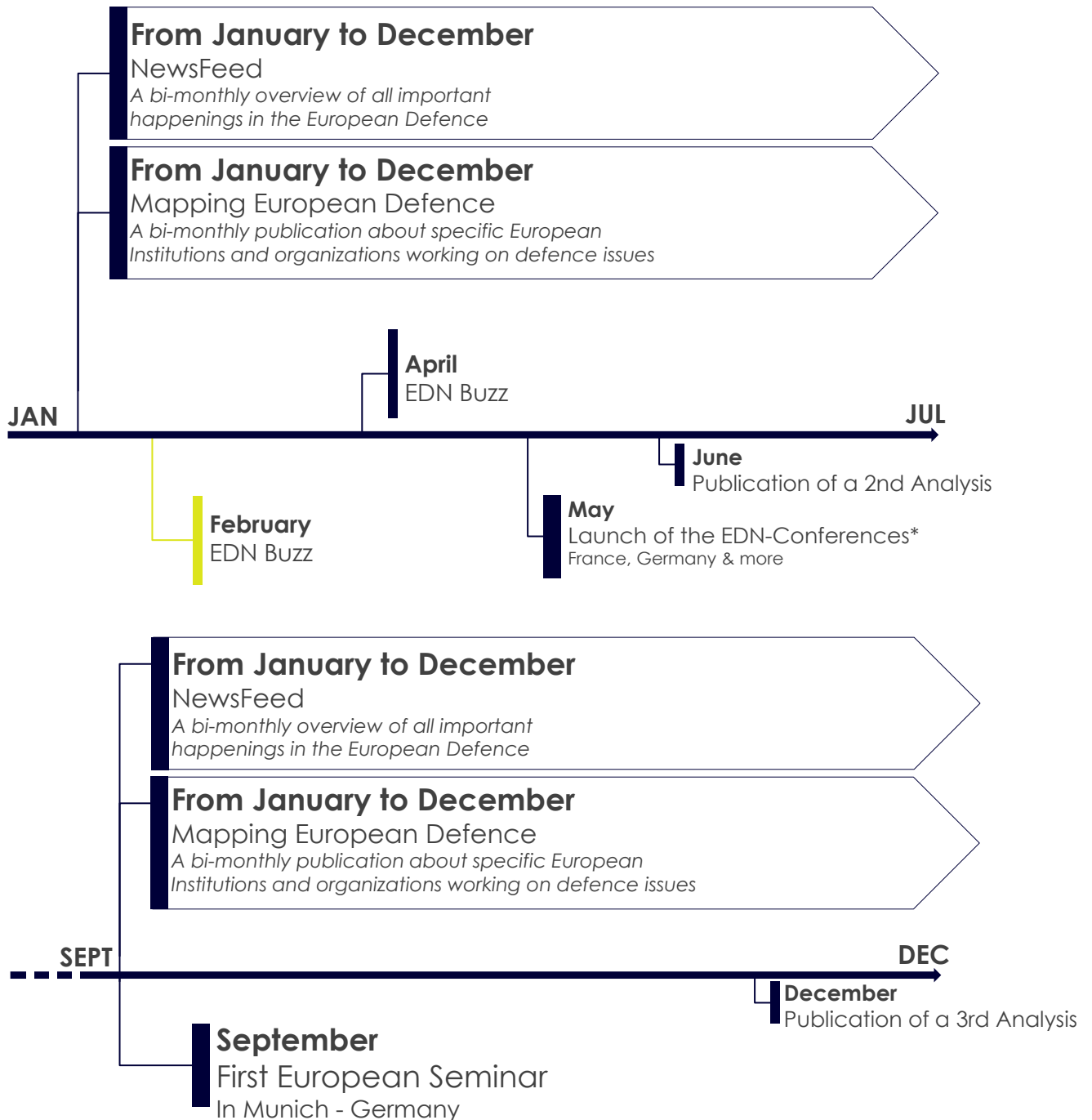
## Promote

- Creating the **willingness** to build a strong Europe
- Establishing a **European mindset** within the group of young professionals

## Network

- **Giving the opportunity** to expand the personal and professional network
- Giving the opportunity to **have an impact**
- **Offering a pool of workforce** to partners (e.g. in the context of co-publications)

# Agenda 2021



█ EDN is a participant  
█ Organized by EDN

€ In order to realize this agenda,  
 our budget need is ~**5.000€**

\*See page 14 for more details about the EDN Conferences

# NewsFeed

- **Concept**

- Giving a **quick overview** of the **European defence news** and their diverse perceptions in the European countries

- **Format**

- The News feed is a **maximal 3-Pager** published **every two weeks** on our **website and on the social media**

- This document is the outcome of a **national press screening** (German, French, Italian and Spanish mainly), **summary of the relevant articles** on European defence issues

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## News Feed n°12

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Concluded in 2018 with the System Preliminary Design Review (SPDR), the Definition study has been launched in 2016. Stage 2 Contract involves the production and the initial in-service support (5 years) of 20 systems for a total contract duration of just over 13 years. Expecting a Contract signature early 2021, the first flight is scheduled in 2025 and the first delivery for 2028.

The EuroMALE will be equipped with two turboprop engines at the request of the German side, with imposing dimensions [about an 11-ton aircraft]. The project has been the subject of intense negotiations about its price, which was 30% higher than what the client countries were willing to pay. The French Defence Cabinet argued "of course, there are development costs associated with this program, you have to put in an entry ticket to develop a European drone. Sovereignty has a price, not just any price, but we assume it".

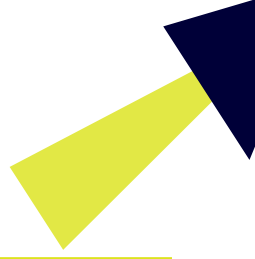
### 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Lancaster House agreement and progress on Sea Venom and MMCM

2020 is the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Lancaster House agreement signed between France and Great Britain in 2010. It was aimed at developing cooperation between the two countries, via resources sharing or industrial and technological cooperation. On November 26<sup>th</sup>, a Defence conference was held by the Franco-British Council. In her intervention, the French Defence Minister, Florence Parly, stressed the recent achievements accomplished in the frame of this agreement.

First, at operational level, the joint expeditionary force CJEF has reached in 2020 its full operational capacity, allowing joint intervention. It gathers military from both countries for quick reaction, with a joint staff.

Second, at industrial level, a production contract of the binational program Maritime Mine Counter Measures (MMCM) was signed by the OCCAR to Thales on November 16<sup>th</sup>. This contract will provide France with 3 jointly developed unmanned systems for naval mine hunting.

Third, the Sea Venom missile, designed for an anti-ship capacity for helicopters (the Royal Navy Wildcat and the Marine Nationale Guépard), has completed successfully its second qualification firing.



## Concise video publications or conferences on Youtube and Social Media

- **Concept**
  - Spotlight on an institution or an industry project in the frame of Europe and defence
- **Format**
  - **Cross Interview** - Interview of several high responsables (counterparts) from different EU-Countries on European challenges in their areas of activities
  - **Interview/Conference** - A longer exchange with a specialist on a specific topic

Have a look to our first EDN Buzz [here!](#)



### EDN Buzz 01 - Airbus Urban Air Mobility

88 Aufrufe • vor 4 Monaten

The European Defense Network starts a new monthly meeting online! Every month, a new EDN Buzz: an interview with diverse players of the European Defense. Here is the first one with Airbus...



# EDN Conference

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## EDN CONFERENCES

- The **idea** has been brought up by our **engineering members**, having noticed a need for more knowledge about current **geopolitical issues**. Knowledge that is nevertheless essential in the various armament projects in which they are working.
- We offer companies in the defence sector the organization of **2-hour conferences**, particularly addressing their **young professionals**. The aim is to give them an overview of the **political, geopolitical and economic aspects** of the projects they are working on, **on a European level**.
- The content of the EDN conference will be developed in **collaboration with our current wisewomen & wisemen**. They will be enriched by interviews and video messages from current **European defence decision-makers**.
- At the end of the conferences, we will offer the audience an **exchange** and the **possibility to become a member** of the EDN.

## CONFERENCES

- Throughout the year, **we will organize conferences** on European Defence topics in France and Germany, in **cooperation with other associations and think tanks**



# Analysis & Seminars

## ANALYSIS

- We call "analysis" **all types of studies** carried out by our **members** on European defence topics. This work can be delivered in different forms: **Paper, article, video, podcast, computer graphic etc.**
- We are committed to the idea of **international teaming**. Thus, our analyses are carried out by **at least two EDN members from different European countries**
- **We support our members** during the complete realization of their work, by providing them a team, a budget and an access to our wisewomen & wisemen in the frame of their study
- The **passion** of our members is at the heart of our values. Therefore, we give them the freedom to choose their subject of analysis, while supporting them with all necessary resources and contacts
- During the **year 2020, two analyses** have been carried out:
  - **Mapping European defence**, a project led by an Italian student with a German, French and Spanish team
  - **Development of European Naval Strategy**, from a German and a French student

- We plan to organize a **3-day seminar** in Munich
- Our members will have the possibility to **meet new members coming from other countries**
- This is a great opportunity to **expand their network** and to **understand** better the challenges of the construct of European defence

### Standard program of a seminar:

| EDN - Simulation game  | Conferences & visits  | Networking   |
|--|---|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Stimulate understanding for national and European defence challenges</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Meeting a politician</li> <li>– Visit a defence company and military base</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Team building</li> <li>– Visit a historical site</li> </ul> |
| <b>1 Day</b>   | <b>1 Day</b>  | <b>1/2 Day</b>   |

## SEMINARS

# Benefits for our partners

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## Innovation

- **Having access** to our pool of new and innovative ideas
- **Getting inspiration** from diverse perspectives on European defence topics

## Promoting

- Effective **demonstration of symbiosis** between industry and politics on European level
- **Self-promotion** by supporting a young organization
- **Promote awareness** on Europe
- **Get insights** on the perspective of the young generation

## Co-Working

- **Pool of workforce** (e.g. co-publication)
- **Communication and education** on European Defence for employees

## Recruiting

- Pool of **committed and motivated students** and young professionals

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