

## THE EUROPEAN DEFENCE AGENCY AT A GLANCE

*The European Defence Agency was created in 2004 to*  
**"support the Council and the Member States in their effort to improve the European Union's defence capabilities for the Common Security and Defence Policy"**

### THREE MAIN MISSIONS

- » *Supporting the development of European defence capabilities*
- » *Supporting defence technology and strengthening European defence industry*
- » *Acting as a military interface to EU policies*



**125 staff** connected with  
**2 500 experts** in 27 Member States\*



Circa **€1 billion** has been invested in defence research & programmes through EDA **since 2004**

Four priority programmes were identified by the December 2013 European Council



#### Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems

- » **Integration** of military drones in European skies through **research & technology programmes**
- » Developing a European **community** of military users
- » Global market of **€10 billion**/year by 2020
- » **€1 billion** needed to develop the next generation of European drones



#### Air-to-Air Refuelling

- » Supporting the pooled acquisition of new **tanker/transport aircraft** for **European air forces**
- » Synergies with FR & UK initiatives in terms of support
- » Joint **training**
- » Refuelling kits for **European A400Ms**
- » Clearance of all European fighters to refuel from all European tankers



#### Governmental Satellite Communications

- » Developing the **next generation of GovSatCom systems** for 2025
- » Member States have already agreed on common requirements



#### Cyber Defence

- » **Research and training** activities
- » Development of **Cyber Ranges** and Awareness Packages for headquarters
- » EDA spent **€2 million** on Cyber in the past 3 years

\* all EU Member States except Denmark. Arrangements with Norway, Switzerland, and Serbia.

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The Agency is also active in many other domains

**Research & Technology**

- » Since 2004, the EDA has managed almost **150 research projects**, for a total value of about **€500 million**

**Maritime Surveillance**

- » Member States and the EDA spent **€2 million** to develop **an information-sharing system** enhancing cooperation between European navies

**Exercises & Training**

- » The Agency's **Helicopter Exercise Programme** has allowed more than **12 000 personnel** to benefit from multinational training
- » Each military air transport training exercise generates savings of more than **€500 000** thanks to the **European Air Transport Fleet**

**Pooled Procurement**

- » More than **€3 million** worth of orders have been passed through the **EU Satcom Market** pooled procurement cell, bringing economies of scale and VAT exemption
- » **Five countries** joined forces through EDA for pooled procurement of ammunition for a total value of **€50 million**

**Counter Improvised Explosive Devices (IED)**

- » EDA developed and procured a **deployable Counter-IED lab** which was successfully **used in Afghanistan until 2014**
- » A new deployable lab is being developed for training and **CSDP operations**

**Military Airworthiness**

- » Developing **common safety regulations** for European military aircraft
- » **Expected time savings of 50%** in the development of new aircraft
- » **Cost savings of more than 10%** on government and industry side

**Advanced Components**

- » Six Member States invested almost **€100 million** through EDA to achieve non-dependence in **Gallium Nitride** technology and build a European value chain
- » Preparing the next generation **of radar, communication** and **electronic**

**Interface with EU policies**

- » Helping defence-related SMEs access **European Structural Funds**
- » First pilot project granted **€700.000** in 2014
- » EDA also acting as military interface for **Single European Sky** implementation
- » Exploiting **dual-use synergies** with EU research and funding instruments