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EUROPEAN DEFENCE AGENCY

EDA BACKGROUND

The European Defence Agency was established under a Joint Action of the Council of Ministers of 12 July, 2004, "to support the Member States and the Council in their effort to improve European defence capabilities in the field of crisis management and to sustain the European Security and Defence Policy as it stands now and develops in the future".

THE AGENCY'S TASKS ARE:

- to **work** for a more comprehensive and systematic approach to defining and meeting the capability needs of the European Security and Defence Policy
- to **promote** more effective use of defence R&T resources in Europe by increasing collaboration and managing joint projects, with a focus on key capabilities
- to **promote** equipment collaborations, both to contribute to defence capabilities and as catalysts for further restructuring of the European defence industry
- to **work** for an internationally competitive European Defence Equipment Market and a strong Defence Technological and Industrial Base.

BUILDING CAPABILITIES FOR A SECURE EUROPE

The European Defence Agency has been created to help EU Member States develop their defence capabilities for crisis-management operations under the European Security and Defence Policy.



THE AGENCY WILL ACHIEVE ITS GOALS BY:

- Encouraging EU governments to spend defence budgets on meeting tomorrow's challenges, not yesterday's threats
- Helping them to identify common needs and promoting collaboration to provide common solutions

THE AGENCY'S SUCCESS WILL MEAN:

- Better military capabilities
- Stronger European defence industries
- Better value for European taxpayers

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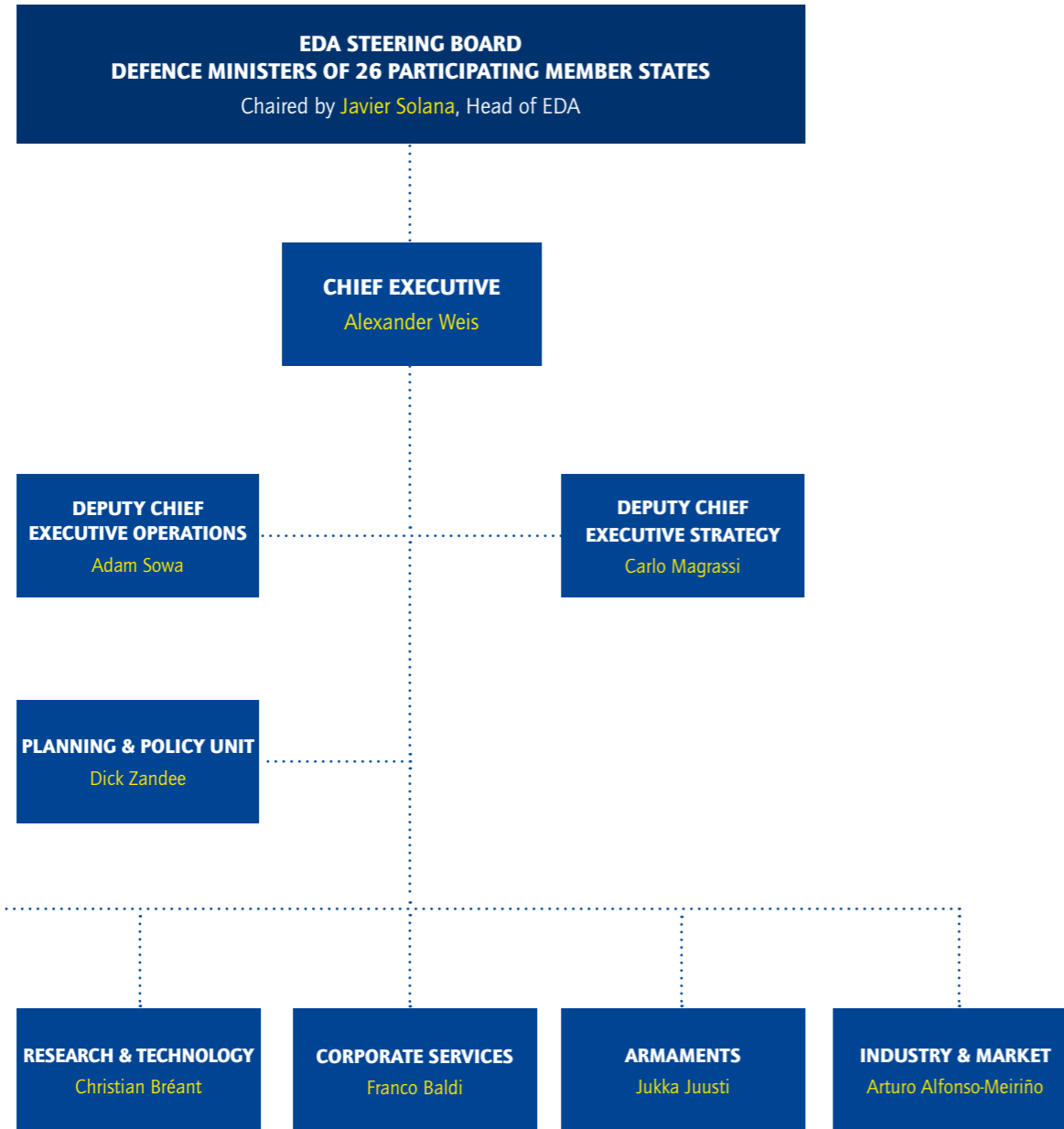
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The need to bolster Europe's military capabilities to match our aspirations is more urgent than ever. And so, too, is the need for us to respond better to the challenges facing our defence industries. This Agency can make a huge difference.

Javier Solana
The High Representative
and the Head of the
European Defence Agency



The **European Defence Agency** is an agency of the European Union and therefore under the direction and authority of the Council, which issues guidelines to and receives reports from High Representative Javier Solana as Head of the Agency. Overall control and guidance, however, is the job of the Steering Board.

Solana chairs the Steering Board (SB), the principal decision-making body of the Agency, made up of Defence Ministers from 26 participating Member States (all EU members except Denmark)

and a member of the European Commission. In addition to ministerial meetings at least twice a year, the Steering Board also meets at the level of national armaments directors, R&T directors and in capabilities formation.

The Chief Executive, his Deputies and the five Directors together form the Agency Management Board (AMB), supported by the Planning & Policy Unit.

- **Leads** Agency's work with Member States to meet defence capability needs of ESDP
- **Works** with Member States to maximise collective output from defence resources
- **Promotes** expansion and deepening of interoperability of EU forces.

CAPABILITIES DIRECTORATE

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- **Encourages** more European R&T collaborations focussed on improving defence capabilities
- **Develops** policies and strategies to strengthen defence technology in Europe
- **Manages** joint R&T projects

RESEARCH & TECHNOLOGY DIRECTORATE

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- **Promotes** and enhances European armaments cooperation
- **Works** with Member States on new multilateral collaborative projects
- **Develops** common standards and procedures

ARMAMENTS DIRECTORATE

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- **Works** to create an internationally competitive European Defence Equipment Market
- **Supports** the restructuring and strengthening of the European Defence Industrial and Technological Base
- **Maintains** dialogue with industry, Commission and other stakeholders on defence industry and market issues

INDUSTRY & MARKET DIRECTORATE

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- **Manages** Human Resources, Budget & Accounting, IT, Security and Logistics
- **Provides** expertise for procurement and contracts through legal and Contracting Unit
- **Supports** day-to-day work of the Agency's functional directorates and personnel

CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE

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- **Coordinates** the Agency's planning and acts as the Secretariat for the SB and the AMB
- **Develops** general policies and liaises with EU bodies and external parties
- **Manages** communications with media, coordinates EDA's publications and website contents

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