

**Flash Report – Industry Consultation Forum, EDIDP – 25 September**

- Introduction of the discussion by setting the calendar of ongoing and next actions from the Commission and the Council - EC
- Presentation of the EDIDP Commission Proposal – EC

Commission representative provided an overview of the proposal highlighting points of key interest for the industry. Following the presentation, several companies raised questions especially in relation to the definition of consortium, beneficiaries and eligible entities.

- An EDA perspective - EDA

EDA representative specified the distinction between CDP and PESCO regarding the definition of capabilities to develop and provided relevant timelines. Following the presentation, several companies inquired if EDA would involve the industry in the preparation of the CDP.

- SMEs in the EDIDP - ASD

In its presentation, ASD called for a more extended definition of SMEs with a view to include intermediate companies. According to ASD, any solution to facilitate the cross border participation of SMEs should not impose additional eligibility requirement and could be done via a bonus for example.

- Improving access of SMEs to cross-border defence and security contracts - EC

Commission representative provided recommendations on how to improve access of SMEs to cross-border defence and security contract.

- EU actions & instruments in support of defence-related SMEs - EC

Commission representative explained actions and instruments in support of defence related SMEs. Following the presentation, ASD representative urged for broader and better diffusion of the information regarding specific calls for SMEs in defence or dual-use sector. BSDA representative proposed to create national contact points (or to use H2020 ones) for SMEs working in defence area, to allow companies which are not member of associations to be aware easily of calls of interest.