

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE REPUBLIC OF ESTONIA

Jean-Claude Juncker President of the European Commission European Commission 1049 Bruxelles/Brussel Belgium

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President of the European Commission, Dear Jean-Claude,

Estonia is organizing on the occasion of the Estonian Presidency of the Council of the European Union "Event for European Science, Technology and Innovation" (or eESTi in Defence in short).

The event is organized in co-operation with the Estonian Defence Industry Association (EDIA). "eESTi in Defence" will be held in Tallinn, Estonia on 30.11-01.12.2017 at Kultuurikatel (Tallinn Creative Hub). It will bring together over 200 senior government, military and industry leaders as well as defence and security experts.

The conference will focus on the current status and future outlook of European science, technology and innovation in defence, the EU's toolbox for boosting innovation and ways to finance defence innovation. A programme of the "eESTi in Defence" has been included to the invitation.

It would be a great honour if you could contribute to the event by holding a keynote speech via video addressing the future challenges and ambitions of European defence, including the European Defence Fund.

Please let your staff contact our conference coordinator for further information and to confirm your readiness to deliver a key note speech.

I would be delighted if you could contribute to this important event and we look forward to your sharing of insight and thoughts on the future of European defence.

Yours sincerely,

Jüri Luik

Minister of Defence