

**Meeting between Ms. Filomena Chirico, Member of Cabinet of Vice-President Katainen and Airbus on 6.04.2018**

Topic: EU defence fund

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**Summary:**

Airbus appreciate the European action in defence. Airbus remarked that they are already cross-border. Research is crucial for industry but the market in defence is different from other sectors, as there is no open market but only customer is the government. This changes the market dynamics. Different requirements requested by different governments increases costs for the industry, hence prices and hence (inefficient) defence spending. More common specifications across countries would be a big improvement.

Cab Katainen highlighted the main lines of the Commission proposal on EDIDP and explained that the Parliament and Council are now discussing the proposal