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Association



eESTI in Defence - Event for European Science, Technology & Innovation

@ Kultuurikatel / Tallinn Creative Hub (Põhja pst 27a, Tallinn, Estonia)

Thursday, 30th November

11:30 Lunch

13:00-13:15 Welcome to eESTi

Mr. Louis Zezeran - Tech & Former Consultant of Estonian X-road System

13:15-13:30 Opening speech by **General Riho Terras**, Commander of the Estonian Defence Forces

13:30-13:40 Video message by European Commission (tbc)

13:40-15:05 Panel discussion I: Defence Cooperation – what got us here?

Mr. Alain Alexis, DG GROW, Head of Unit - Defence, Aeronautic and Maritime Industries

Mr. Tim Webb, NATO HQ, Capability Delivery Section Head

Mr. Michael Langer, Diehl, Vice-President External Relations

Moderator: **Ms. Tuija Karanko**, AFDA - Finnish Defence and Aerospace Industries Association, Secretary General

15:05-15:15 Pitch I: Defence Innovation – Why & How

Mr. James A. White, Defence Innovation Greenhouse, Executive Director

15:15-15:45 Coffee break & Networking

15:45-15:55 Pitch II: Technological trends and their drivers – outreach to non-



defence industry

Mr. Mart Noorma, Milrem, Science and Technology Adviser

15:55-17:05 Panel discussion II: Future of Defence Science, Technology & Innovation

Mr. Jaak Aaviksoo, Tallinn University of Technology, Rector

Mr. Frans Kleyheeg, TNO, Business Director International

Mr. Andreas Jasper, SAAB, Head of EU & NATO Affairs (tbc)

Moderator: **Mr. Oliver Väärtnõu**, Cybernetica, CEO

17:05-17:15 Pitch III: European technological autonomy — is it possible?

17:15-20:00 Reception & Networking

20:00 - 21:30 Late Night Session (Chatham House Rule) Setting the new ambition for Europe

USA assessment of European Defence Innovation (tbc)

Brig. Gen. Martin Herem, Estonian Defence Forces, Chief of Staff

Friday, 1st December

08:30-09:00 Morning Coffee

09:00-09:10 Pitch IV: Permanent Structured Cooperation (PeSCo)

09:10-10:30 Panel discussion III: Boosting defence innovation in the EU

Mr. Kusti Salm, Estonian Ministry of Defence, Director of Defence Investments Department, National Armaments Director

Mr. Panagiotis Kikiras, European Defence Agency, Head of Unit Innovative Research

Mr. Peter Collins, ASD, Chairman of Defence Research and Technology Committee

Mr. Charalampos Giannakopoulos, DG GROW, Policy Officer Defence Industry

Moderator: **Mr. Tomas Jermalavicius**, ICDS – International Centre for Defence and Security, Head of Studies

10:30-11:00 Coffee break and Networking



11:00-11:10 Pitch V: Is “Going Global” the the New Norm for European SMEs?

Mr. Rudy Priem, UTC, Director of Government Relations, Europe (tbc)

11:10-12:20 Panel discussion IV: Financing Defence and Security Innovation

Mr. Gunnar Muent, The European Investment Bank, Director of the Innovation and Competitiveness Department

Mr. Jan Wind, WISER Consultancy, CEO

Mr. Reinhard Marak, Austrian Federal Economic Chamber - Austrian Defence & Security Industry, CEO

Moderator: **Mr Jaanus Tamm**, Defendec, CEO

12:20-12:30 Pitch VI: The role and importance of the SMEs in defence R&D&I

Mr. Egert Valmra, Skeleton Technology, Programme Director

12:30-12:45 Conclusion by **Mr. Ingvar Pärnamäe**, Estonian Defence Industry Association, CEO

12:45-14:30 *Farewell lunch*

