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*(sent by e-mail)*

**Subject: European Defence Fund in the next MFF – Informal meeting with Member States, 6 March 2018**

Dear Sir / Dear Madam,

I would like to invite you to a first meeting on the European Defence Fund in the next MFF.

The meeting will take place on 6 March in Brussels at the Commission's Centre Borschette, Rue Froissart 36, in meeting room 2A.

The objective of this meeting is to have an informal exchange of views with experts from the Member States on the main elements of the EDF and to provide advice and input to the Commission on both the research and the capability window.

A scoping paper has been prepared for the meeting. This scoping paper is an informal document for discussion, which does not necessarily represent the view of the Commission.

This meeting is organised back-to-back with the informal meeting with Member State experts for EDIDP of 5 March 2018.

Participants should present themselves at the meeting venue with a copy of this letter. Please note that in the absence of this document and confirmed registration, the Security Services may refuse access to the building.

***For security reasons we need to register you in advance with your date of birth, nationality and ID card number*** (see form to be filled in the attachment). I would be grateful if you could confirm your participation and submit the filled participation form to [redacted]@ec.europa.eu before ***Thursday 1 March, CoB***.

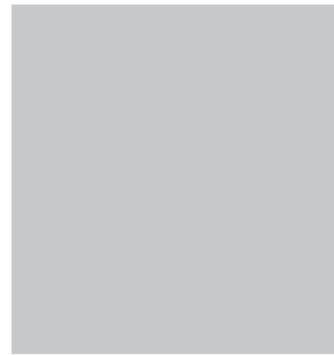
For this meeting we can offer simultaneous interpretation into the following languages: French, German, English, Italian, Spanish and Polish.

Please also note that no travel expenses will be reimbursed by the Commission for this meeting.

For any questions about the meeting, the contact point is [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]@ec.europa.eu).

I am looking forward to seeing you in Brussels.

Kind regards



Enclosures:           Mandatory Participation Form  
                              Draft Agenda  
                              Scoping Paper