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**Subject: European Defence Industrial Development Programme – Informal
meeting with Member States, Brussels, 22 January 2018**

Dear Madam, Dear Sir,

I have the pleasure of inviting your government authorities to be represented at the first informal meeting on the implementation of the European Defence Industrial Development Programme (EDIDP).

The meeting will take place on **22 January 2018** from **10h00 to 13h00** in the:

**Centre Borchette
Meeting room 1.B
Rue Foissart 36
1040 Brussels**

The objective of this meeting would be to initiate a discussion about the modes of the implementation of the EDIDP, content of the work programme and to reflect on the capability priorities which should represent a basis for a definition of project categories. In addition, a discussion about possible approach to the SMEs cross-border collaboration is envisaged. To help focus the discussion, a scoping paper on the implementation of EDIDP will be circulated ahead of the meeting.

Please notice that this preliminary discussion will take place without prejudice to the ongoing negotiations between the Council and the European Parliament and should only serve as an opportunity of an informal exchange of views between Member States and the Commission. Formal arrangements will continue in a comitology framework in a Programme Committee which has been identified in the proposal.

Appointed representatives of your government should confirm their participation by filling in and returning the attached Registration Form to  [@ec.europa.eu](mailto: @ec.europa.eu) **no later than 15 January 2018.**

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

Please also note that no travel expenses will be reimbursed by the Commission for this meeting. Due to the room capacity, each delegation is invited to participate with a maximum of 2 participants.

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

For any questions about the meeting, the contact points are [redacted]
[redacted] [@ec.europa.eu](mailto:[redacted]@ec.europa.eu))
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We would welcome any written contribution in advance of the meeting.

Please find attached a tentative agenda.

Yours sincerely,



Enclosure: Agenda
Scoping paper
Mandatory registration form