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Reflection paper on the future of European Defence

The Commission has published a reflection paper on the Future of European Defence which outlines different scenarios for moving towards a Security and Defence Union. The paper is complemented by concrete proposals to launch a European Defence Fund which will support more efficient spending by Member States on joint defence capabilities.

Strengthening the protection and security of European citizens is part of the Juncker Commission [priorities](#). The paper is the fourth in a series of thematic papers, announced in the [White paper of the future of Europe](#) presented on 1 March 2017, which sets out the main challenges and opportunities for Europe in the coming decade.

List of documents

- [REFLECTION PAPER ON THE FUTURE OF EUROPEAN DEFENCE COM/2017/0315 final](#)
- [COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, THE COUNCIL, THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE AND THE COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS Launching the European Defence Fund COM/2017/0295 final COM/2017/0315 final](#)
- [Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL establishing the European Defence Industrial Development Programme aiming at supporting the competitiveness and innovative capacity of the EU defence industry COM/2017/0294 final - 2017/0125 \(COD\) COM/2017/0315 final](#)
- [COMMISSION STAFF WORKING DOCUMENT Ex-ante Evaluation Accompanying the document Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL establishing the European Defence Industrial Development Programme aiming at supporting the competitiveness and innovative capacity of the EU defence industry SWD/2017/0228 final - 2017/0125 \(COD\)](#)

Summaries of EU legislation

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Foreign & security policy at EU level

- The High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs & Security Policy
- European External Action Service
- The EU's Common Security and Defence Policy
- Financing European Union military and defence operations (Athena)
- European Security and Defence College
- European Defence Agency

Glossary terms of the summaries of EU legislation

- High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy
- European External Action Service
- Common foreign and security policy (CFSP)
- European security and defence policy (ESDP)
- Political and Security Committee (PSC)

Related Sites

- Press release: A Europe that defends
- Press release: A European Defence Fund
- The European Defence Fund: Questions and Answers