

**Presidency of the Czech Republic
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**European Education
and
Training in Armaments Co-operation
– The Way Ahead –**

Prague, 15-16 June 2009

Conference programme

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Conference overview

The conference will address key contextual issues surrounding the need for European education and training in armaments co-operation and outline the way ahead on how to make European education and training in armaments co-operation a working reality.

A welcome event will be held in the evening of 15 June with the main day of the conference on 16 June 2009. The opening address will be given by the Director of the Institute for Security Studies of the European Union (EU ISS), Álvaro de Vasconcelos, and address the inexorable melding of the civil, security and defence sectors through education.

After the keynote speech, the first panel will discuss “The Need for Education in European Armaments Co-operation,” taking into account the results of the EU ISS Final Report “Enhancing the mutual understanding of stakeholders engaged in cooperative programmes”^{*} of 2008. Then it will give an overview of multinational and national education and training platforms mature enough to provide for European armaments education and training. Finally, it will articulate key principles that should guide the creation of this type of education.

The second panel, “A European Armaments Educational and Training Platform – Finding a Common Ground,” will deal with the output of two preparatory workshops held in EDA on requirements and the overall concept of education in armaments co-operation. It will discuss how to integrate and join-up the existing education providers, EU institutions and industry into a coherent European armaments co-operation education project.

The closing session, “Enhancing Understanding of Armaments Co-operation in Europe through common Education and Training - The Way Ahead,” will articulate the way forward on how to merge the needs for education in armaments co-operation with the providers of Education and training and on how to make it a working reality.

^{*} The EU ISS Report is available through the EU ISS Website (www.iss.europa.eu/uploads/media/ISS-Report02.pdf).

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Monday, 15 June - Břevnov Monastery, Markétská 28/1: www.brevnov.cz Conference Language: English
Tuesday, 16 June - Prague Congress Centre, 5. května 65: www.kcp.cz

15 June 2009

18h15	Departure from the Crown Plaza Hotel to the Břevnov Monastery
18h45-19h15	Organ concert in the St. Margaret Basilica
19h15-19h45	Welcome drink: Jiří Staněk , NAD, MoD, Armaments Division, Prague Carlo Magrassi , Deputy Chief Executive Strategy, EDA, Brussels
19h45-21h45	Buffet dinner combined with a short facultative sightseeing tour of the Břevnov Monastery
22h00	Departure from the Břevnov Monastery to the Crown Plaza Hotel

16 June 2009

8h15	Departure from the Crown Plaza Hotel to the Prague Congress Centre
8h45-9h15	Registration of participants
9h15-9h45	Welcome remarks: Pavel Černý , Deputy NAD, MoD, Armaments Division, Prague Introduction: Carlo Magrassi , Deputy Chief Executive Strategy, EDA, Brussels Opening address: Álvaro de Vasconcelos , Director, EU ISS, Paris
9h45-10h30	Family photo and coffee break
10h30-10h45	Introduction to the EU ISS Study: Daniel Keohane , Research Fellow, EU ISS, Paris
10h45-12h15	PANEL I: THE NEED FOR EDUCATION IN EUROPEAN ARMAMENTS CO-OPERATION Moderator: Daniel Keohane , Research Fellow, EU ISS, Paris

Speakers:

Patrick Bellouard, Director, Organisme conjoint de coopération en matière d'armement (OCCAR) Bonn

James Copping, Policy officer DG Enterprise - H1- Defence, Aerospace and Maritime Industries, European Commission, Brussels

Jonathan Evans, DE&S Director General Human Resources, UK MoD, London

IGA Alain Guillou, Human Resources Director, Délégation générale pour l'armement (DGA)

Jan-Olof Lind, Deputy Director General, Defence Research Agency (FOI), Stockholm

Stanislav Rolc, Chief Project Manager for Material Engineering, VOP-026 (CZ MoD Military Maintenance Enterprise), Šternberk

Gert Runde, Director Security & Defence, AeroSpace and Defence Industry Association of Europe (ASD), Brussels

12h15-13h30 Buffet lunch

13h30-13h45 **Results of the preparatory EDA Education and Training Workshops:**
Neil Pitts, Principal Officer for Armaments Co-operation, EDA, Brussels

13h45-15h15 **PANEL II: A EUROPEAN ARMAMENTS EDUCATIONAL AND TRAINING PLATFORM – FINDING A COMMON GROUND**

Moderator:

Vilém Kolín, Deputy Central PoC EDA, MoD, Armaments Division, Prague

Speakers:

Nathalie Guillou, Director, Centre des Hautes Etudes de l'Armement (CHEAr), Paris

Dr. Michel Hess, Head of Studies and Training, Center for Security Studies (CSS), Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH), Zürich

ir.H.J. Jansen, President, Association, Session Européenne des Responsables d'Armement (ASERA), The Hague

Dr. Sorin Lungu, Assistant Professor in the Department of Military Strategy and Logistics, ICAF, National Defense University (NDU), Washington, D.C.

Bernd-Ulrich von Wegerer, Director of Defence Technology Education and Training Division, Federal Academy of Defence Administration and Technology, (BAkWVTLAT), Mannheim-Berlin

Hans-Bernhard Weisserth, Acting Head of the European Security and Defence College (ESDC), General Secretariat of the EU Council

15h15-15h45 Coffee break

15h45-16h45 **CLOSING SESSION: ENHANCING UNDERSTANDING OF ARMAMENTS CO-OPERATION IN EUROPE THROUGH COMMON EDUCATION AND TRAINING - THE WAY AHEAD**

Speakers:

Pavel Černý, Deputy NAD, MoD, Armaments Division, Prague

Jan-Olof Lind, Deputy Director General, Defence Research Agency (FOI), Stockholm

Carlo Magrassi, Deputy Chief Executive Strategy, EDA, Brussels

17h00 Departure from the Prague Congress Centre to the Airport/Crown Plaza Hotel