

Executive Summary

**Opinion of the Romanian Chamber of Deputies on
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
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The Chamber of Deputies:

- Underlines the position of Romania, according to which UE's major objective should be the development of an innovative and competitive defence industrial base, able to respond to the European capability needs but, in the same time, it should be balanced and inclusive.
- Considers that, according to the official position of the Romanian Government, in order to avoid new divisions and further widening of discrepancies between defence industries of Member States of the European Union, it should be useful to identify conditions and ways to facilitate and encourage participation in projects from states from different geographical area.
- Draws attention over the necessity to not discourage the national framework for development and project research, conversely recommending the establishment of a common system of administration of the eventual unilateral technologic advancement.
- Regarding the criteria for project preparation, it considers that supplementary explanation is necessary regarding the statute of third parties, which could or not be involved, which include a differentiation between Member States of NATO but not members of EU and other third states.
- Recommends a more detailed approach of the situation of regional and international cooperation initiatives, within EU and also regarding cooperation at NATO level, especially since there is a series of provisions that are contradictory in this proposal for a regulation (Article 13).
- Considers that is necessary to establish additional clarifications regarding award criteria, including stratification depending on the specific ratio of each of them.
- Considers necessary to establish award criteria which respect proportionality in relation with the situation and the broad context of internal situation of each Member State and of the contribution to the common effort in the area of defence.
- Draws attention over the risk of transforming this programme in an instrument for the benefit of the Member States that are contributing more to the EU budget.