

**Opinion of the Romanian Chamber of Deputies on the
Communication from The Commission to The European Parliament, The Council, The
European Economic and Social Committee and The Committee of the Regions - Action
Plan on synergies between civil, defence and space industries**

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The Chamber of Deputies:

Supports the Action Plan and the strengthening of synergies and access to finance, at EU, national and regional levels, and considers them as beneficial to EU's growth and resilience, especially upon the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as for increased resilience to disasters;

It also expresses its support for other objectives - developing professional skills, encouraging the participation of women and other under-represented groups in the defence and security sectors and adapting environmental regulations, climate change and toxic industrial products management to the needs of the defence industry;

Emphasizes the potential for closer interactions between the three industries for launching flagship projects, with the potential to address societal or strategic concerns that could help the EU strengthen its position as a global player. It also supports the exploration of the most appropriate ways to manage intellectual property and the impact on military doctrines generated by the development and application of disruptive dual-use technologies;

Considers the establishment of defence innovation networks to be beneficial, and supports the adoption and application of "hybrid standards"; it also supports the launch of an 'innovation incubator' to facilitate new technologies and dual-use innovation;

Appreciates the approach of the Action Plan to the challenges faced by small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), start-ups, research and technology organizations and academia in Europe; recommends consultations with relevant actors to identify specific educational needs;

Welcomes the establishment of the Cybersecurity Competence Centre in Bucharest, as well as the Network of National Coordination Centres;

Recommends strengthening EU's cooperation with other international institutions and organizations, especially with NATO; considers that NATO and the EU are two indispensable and complementary pillars of a global rule-based system.