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SPEAKERS AND PARTICIPANTS



KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

JOSÉ MANUEL DURÃO BARROSO President of the European Commission



José Manuel Durão Barroso became President of the European Commission in 2004. He was re-elected for another five-year term by the European Parliament in September 2009.

Mr. Barroso served as head of the International Relations Department of Lusíada University in Portugal from 1995 to 1999 and was a visiting professor at Georgetown University in the United States from 1996 to 1998.

Mr. Barroso was first elected to the Portuguese Parliament in 1985. He served as State Secretary for Home Affairs, State Secretary for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, and Minister for Foreign Affairs in successive governments. In 1999, he was elected President of the Social Democratic Party (PSD) and became the Leader of the Opposition. Mr. Barroso served as Prime Minister of Portugal from 2002 to 2004.

DIMITRIOS AVRAMOPOULOS Minister of Defence Greece



Dimitrios Avramopoulos, born in Athens in 1953, was elected member of the Greek Parliament in 1993, after 13 years in the Greek Diplomatic Service. In 1995 and until 2002, he was mayor of Athens. During that period he founded the "Athens' International Prize for Democracy", under the auspices of UNESCO, and the "World Union of Olympic Cities". In 2004, already reelected member of the Greek Parliament, he was appointed Minister of Tourism and in 2006 Minister of Health and Social Solidarity, an appointment that lasted until 2009. In 2011 he was appointed Minister of National Defence until 2012, when he was appointed Minister of External Affairs. From 2013, he is again Minister of National Defence.

Mr Avramopoulos holds graduate and postgraduate degrees in Public Law, Political Science and European Studies. He is married and has two sons.

1ST PANEL

PROMOTING A MORE COMPETITIVE DEFENCE INDUSTRY

ANTONIO TAJANI, Introductory Speaker



Antonio Tajani, in addition to his experience in the Italian Air Force, law studies and journalism, was elected a member of the European Parliament in 1994, 1999 and 2004. He was a Member of the Convention on the Future of Europe. In 2002 he was appointed Vice-Chair of the European People's Party. Since May 2008 he is European Commission Vice-President, in charge of Transport until February 2010, and from then on he is in charge of Industry and Entrepreneurship. He received the Optical Society of America Prize for his commitment to the promotion of Key Enabling Technologies, the Honors for commitment to SMEs and EU integration from the Spanish Royal Institute of European Studies, the Grand Cross of the Order of Civil Merit from Spain, as well as the Legion of Honour of the French Republic.

DANIEL KOSTOVAL



Daniel Kostoval has been appointed State Secretary at the Ministry of Defence of the Czech Republic in February 2014, after having served as First Deputy Minister of Defence, position held since April 2013. Before taking office at the Ministry of Defence, he was Director General at the Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs at the section of Non-European Countries. Previously, Mr Kostoval had served at the same ministry for more than 16 years. During this period, he had held various positions in Prague, Brussels (Permanent Representative to the Political Committee NATO), Moscow (First Secretary, Embassy of the Czech Republic, Political Section) and Washington (Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of the Czech Republic).

Mr Kostoval studied political science and international relations at Charles University in Prague. Born in 1971, he is married and has three children.

MICHAEL GAHLER



Michael Gahler has been a member of the European Parliament since 1999 and is currently (2009-2014) serving on the Committee on foreign affairs, the Subcommittee on security and defence (where he is EPP coordinator), and is a substitute member of the Committee on transport and tourism. He is the chairman of the delegation for the relations with the Pan-African Parliament. Since January 2012, he is a vice-chairman of the CDU/CSU group in the European Parliament. He is the rapporteur of the parliamentary report on the European Defence Technological and Industrial Base which was adopted in November 2013.

Mr Gahler studied law in Germany, with further studies in France and Belgium, and later joined the diplomatic school of the foreign office (1990-1991), after which he spent two years as desk officer in the department of 'international environmental politics'. From 1993-1995, he was assistant in the international office of the Christian Democratic Union (CDU). Between 1995 and 1999, again with the German foreign office, he was desk officer for the Baltic States and the Council of the Baltic Sea states.

DANIELE ROMITI



Daniele Romiti is the Chief Executive Officer of AgustaWestland S.p.A., the leading helicopter company owned by Finmeccanica which employs about 13,000 people worldwide with the main industrial activities concentrated in Italy, the UK, Poland and the USA. In August 2011 he was appointed Chief Operating Officer of AgustaWestland N.V. with the responsibility of the operations of the company ensuring effectiveness and efficiency throughout the whole AgustaWestland organisation, being responsible for all operations covering the whole product lifecycle. In 2009 he joined the newly formed Alenia Aermacchi, as Chief Operating Officer and he was instrumental in driving the operations of the new company. Mr Romiti joined Agusta S.p.A. Engineering Department in 1984, where he was involved in the EH101 international helicopter programme. Born in 1958, he earned a doctorate in Aeronautical Engineering from the Turin Polytechnic University.

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ANTONIO MISSIROLI



Antonio Missiroli became Director of the European Union Institute for Security Studies in 2012. Previously, he was Adviser at the Bureau of European Policy Advisers of the European Commission; Director of Studies at the European Policy Centre in Brussels; Research Fellow and Senior Research Fellow at the W/EU Institute for Security Studies in Paris; Head of European Studies at CeSPI in Rome and a Visiting Fellow at St Antony's College, Oxford. As well as being a professional journalist, he has also taught at the Universities of Bath and Trento and Boston University and SAIS/Johns Hopkins (Bologna). He is currently visiting lecturer at the College of Europe (Bruges) and Sciences Po (Paris). Dr Missiroli holds a PhD degree in Contemporary History from the Scuola Normale Superiore (Pisa) and a Master's degree in International Public Policy from SAIS/Johns Hopkins University.

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Claude-France Arnould is the Chief Executive of the European Defence Agency, since January 2011. Previously, Ms Arnould headed the Crisis Management and Planning Directorate at the General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union between 2009 and 2010, and was Director for Defence Issues at the General Secretariat of the Council from 2001 to 2009. From 1998 to 2001, Ms Arnould was the Director of International and Strategic Affairs at the French National Defence General Secretariat /Prime Minister. Claude-France Arnould started her career as a diplomat, in 1981. After serving at the Private Office of the Minister for European Affairs in 1987, she became Secretary-General of the French National School for Public Administration (ENA), until 1989. She was then appointed Deputy Director of European Community Affairs at the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs. From 1994 to 1998 she was First Counselor at the French Embassy in Germany.

OLIVIER JEHIN, Moderator



Olivier Jehin is Editor-in-Chief of «Europe Diplomacy & Defense», a twice-weekly newsletter on CSDP and NATO published by AGENCE EUROPE. His career as a journalist on European issues spans more than 25 years, with special focus on institutional questions, international relations, security and defence matters. He formerly served as Head of the Brussels office of IFRI, the French Institute for International Relations, and previously as Editor-in-Chief of AGENCE EUROPE daily bulletin. He contributes on a regular basis to the work of think tanks and their publications.

2ND PANEL

CREATING A GENUINE INTERNAL MARKET FOR DEFENCE

MICHEL BARNIER, Introductory Speaker



Having been elected in his late twenties as a national Parliamentarian, **Michel Barnier** was appointed in 1993 Minister for Environment. He went on to be Minister for European Affairs (1995-1997), Minister for Foreign Affairs (2004-2005) and Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries (2007-2009). In 1999 he resigned from national office to take up his post, as part of Romano PRODI's team, as European Commissioner for regional policy and institutional reform. In 2009 he led the French Presidential majority's campaign in the European elections and was the head of the French Delegation of the EPP Group in the European Parliament. He was then proposed as European Commissioner by the President of the Republic Nicolas SARKOZY and took up his post, alongside José Manuel BARROSO, as Member of the European Commission responsible for Internal Market and Services in early 2010.

PHILIP DUNNE



In September 2012, **Philip Dunne** was appointed Minister for Defence Equipment, Support and Technology with responsibility for defence procurement and defence exports. Mr Dunne is Member of Parliament since 2005. Following the 2010 General Election in UK, Mr Dunne was appointed an Assistant Government Whip, having previously served as an Assistant Opposition Whip. Before politics, Mr Dunne had a twenty year business career. He has experience of business both big and small having worked for investment banks in London, New York and Hong Kong and having helped start and build businesses. His former chairmanship of a Venture Capital Trust reflects his enthusiasm for encouraging entrepreneurship in the small business sector. Brought up on the family farm near Ludlow, Mr Dunne read politics, philosophy & economics at Oxford University. He is married with two daughters and two sons.

BERNHARD GERWERT



Bernhard Gerwert became Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of AIRBUS DEFENCE AND SPACE on January 1, 2014. Prior to assuming this position he has served from September 2012 until December 2013 as CEO of CASSIDIAN (formerly known as EADS Defence and Security) and as CASSIDIAN's Chief Operating Officer (COO) from August 2011 until the end of August 2012. From mid-2007 to August 2011 Mr. Gerwert held the position of CEO of CASSIDIAN AIR SYSTEMS and was a member of the Board of Cassidian. Mr. Gerwert was born on 27th April 1953 and studied Electrical Engineering at the University of Paderborn and Industrial Engineering at the University of Applied Science in Bielefeld in Germany. He holds degrees in Electrical and Industrial Engineering. Mr. Gerwert was appointed President of the BDLI (German Aerospace Industry Association) on June 1, 2013.

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HÅKAN BUSKHE



Håkan Buskhe is the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Swedish defence and security company Saab AB. With more than 14,000 employees in about 35 countries, Saab is Scandinavia's largest defense industry. Saab serves the global market with world-leading products, services and solutions for military defense and civil security. The multi-role fighter Gripen is one example of Saab's state-of-the-art technology. Before entering into Saab AB, Mr. Buskhe was the CEO of E.ON Sverige AB 2008-2010. He has served as the CEO of Schenker North AB for Schenker AG between 2002-2006. He is a member of the Board of the Vattenfall, one of Europe's largest generators of electricity and the largest producer of heat. Håkan Buskhe holds a Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering and a Licentiate of Engineering in Transportation and Logistics of the Chalmers University of Technology, Gothenburg.



3RD PANEL

SMES AND FOSTERING REGIONAL CO-OPERATION

DANIEL CALLEJA, Chair



Since February 2012, Mr **Daniel Calleja** is Director General of DG Enterprise and Industry. He is the Special Envoy for SMEs. He was Deputy Director General at the same DG from February 2011.

Mr Calleja was Director for Air Transport at the European Commission from November 2004 to February 2011. He has successfully negotiated the EU-US Open Skies Agreement and chaired the Air Safety and the Single Sky Committees and the Board of the SESAR Joint Undertaking.

Between 1999 and 2004, he was Head of Cabinet of the Vice-president Loyola de Palacio, responsible for Transport and Energy.

Between 1995 and 1999, Mr. Calleja was the Head of Cabinet for Commissioner Oreja, responsible for institutional affairs, after having been the legal adviser in the Cabinet of the President of the European Commission.

Mr Calleja has lectured on European Law.

DR ROLF-JÜRGEN AHLERS



Dr Rolf-Jürgen Ahlers is Chairman of SME-Group and Vice Chairman of the Supply Chain Commission at the Aerospace and Defence Organisation. He Chairs the Aerospace Forum Baden Württemberg and the Education, Research, and Technology working group of LVI (Industry Association of Baden-Württemberg). He is Vice Chairman of the SME Group of BDLI, Germany. Since 1995 Dr Ahlers has founded and managed several companies in the high tech area: A-Tec, Stuttgart(1995), ASG Luftfahrttechnik und Sensorik GmbH, Weinheim(1997), A-Tec Holding GmbH, Schriesheim(2011), ProxiVision GmbH(2012). Before that he was Senior Manager New Technologies at Rauschenberger GmbH, Asperg(1990-1994) and Head of Quality at Fraunhofer Institute, Stuttgart(1984-1989). He studied electrical engineering, electro-physics in Stuttgart and Paris. Since 2010 he is Professor at the Technical University of Darmstadt.

He is born in 1953, he is married and has two children.

ZDENĚK PROKOP



Zdeněk Prokop, Chairman of BOD and CEO of AERO TRADE, a member of MESIT Group. Age 59, Czech nationality and citizenship. MSc in aeronautics obtained at the Transport University of Zilina, Czechoslovakia in 1979. Business education at the Prague Business School and North York University in Toronto. Languages spoken English, Russian and Spanish.

Previous working career includes 20 years in senior management positions with AERO Vodochody, Czech jet trainer OEM and sales/marketing position for Allied Signal/Honeywell local service centre in Prague. Since 2008 representing Associations of Aviation Manufactures and Defence Industry of the Czech Republic in SME Sectorial Group of ASD. In 2012 appointed a Honorary Counsellor of Board of Investment of Pakistan in the Czech Republic.

Married and having two boys.

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NUNES DE ALMEIDA



Joaquim Nunes de Almeida is Director «Public procurement», European Commission since April 2013. The period before this appointment and since April 2004, he was first head of unit «Fight Against terrorism and law enforcement cooperation» and after head of unit «Fight Against terrorism and law enforcement cooperation». From 1999 to 2004, he was member of cabinet of António Vitorino (Commissioner for Justice and Home Affairs); responsible in the cabinet for asylum and immigration, free movement of persons, internal market and competition. He joined the European Commission in 1995, holding positions in the DG for Internal Market. Before joining the European Commission he worked as a lawyer in Lisbon and in American and Italian law firms.

He studied in the Faculty of Law of the University of Lisbon (1983/1988) and at the legal department of College of Europe, Bruges – 1988/1989.

GONZALEZ JIMENEZ



Lucio González is a professional with business management background, commercial orientation and 25 years of experience. He performed in national and multinational high-tech technology sectors such as telecommunications, IT, Security, projects management and Services. He developed his experience with high-growth scenarios and market contrition adaptability and specialised in market analysis, leadership and management of multidisciplinary teams.

His extensive experience led him to play high-level management positions worldwide from big player to local SMEs. Some companies in which he has developed his career are Ericsson, Microelectrónica Española and Maxdata. He is also Chairman of the R & D Centre (CIDITES), created jointly with the Spanish MoD in 2012. He also supported the development of bilateral funding programs (R&D plans) and agreements with several European and Regional research organizations. Currently, he is engaged with Madrid Security Cluster as Director.

CHRISTIAN SAUBLENS



Christian Saublens is Belgian and has an experience of more than 30 years in lobbying the European Community authorities. He is the Executive Manager of EURADA, the European Association of Development Agencies. The association has approximately 80 members operating in more than 20 countries. Christian helped the creation of EBAN, the European network promoting the stimulation of informal venture capital at regional or national level. Christian has written several papers regarding the impact of EU regulations on regional development and the role of development agencies in Europe. One of his latest papers is the «Regional Policy for Smart Growth of SMEs». Christian is the chairman of the S³ Mirror Group, the expert group of the Smart Specialisation Strategy Platform of the European Commission. He is also pioneer in promoting the crowdfunding concept at European level.

4TH PANEL

GENERATING INNOVATION IN A TIME OF AUSTERITY

PHILIPPE BRUNET, Chair



Doctor in Medicine and Iuris Doctor in Community Law, **Philippe Brunet** entered the Commission in 1988. In November 2004 Philippe Brunet joined the Cabinet of Markos Kyprianou, the Commissioner responsible for Health and Consumer affairs, as Deputy Head of Cabinet. In October 2007 he was appointed Head of Cabinet by Commissioner Kyprianou. On February 10, 2010, he was appointed Head of Cabinet by Commissioner Vassiliou for Education, Culture, Multilingualism and Youth in the Barroso II Commission.

He is Director in DG Enterprise and Industry for Directorate «Aerospace, maritime, security and defence Industries» as of January 2013. Mr Brunet's main institutional files comprise the implementation of COPERNICUS and the development of civil and military synergies in security and defence matters to render the defence industry competitive and underpin a credible and effective Common Security and Defence Policy.

RINI GOOS



Rini Goos is the Deputy Chief Executive of the European Defence Agency, since March 2013. Previously, Mr. Goos was Commissioner for Military Production in the Ministry of Economic Affairs, and a member of Defence Science Board, of the Netherlands. From 1997 until 2001, Mr. Goos was the Defence Counsellor for defence procurement and later the Defence Cooperation Attaché, at the Dutch Embassy in Washington, USA. From 1993 until 1997, Mr. Goos worked on multilateral European cooperation in the Directorate General of Materiel of the Ministry of Defence, and negotiated the establishment of the WEAG Research Cell.

Mr. Goos started his career in the Directorate of Materiel of the Royal Netherlands Army, first as a General Staff Officer in Logistics, and later as Head of the Industrial Relations and Export Support Section, and of the Procurement Policy Section. Mr. Goos was born in Breda (NL) in 1958.

DR GEORGE TROULLINOS



Dr. George Troullinos serves as CEO of INTRACOM Defense Electronics, the largest defense telecommunications and electronics company in Greece. He holds a Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering from Georgia Institute of Technology, USA. In 1992 he formed INTRACOM's Defense Communications Department and in January 1999 was appointed General Manager of Defense Systems Division. In January 2006, Dr. Troullinos was assigned CEO of the newly formed INTRACOM Defense Electronics.

His previous work experience includes positions in the Scientific Staff at Texas Instruments Inc., U.S.A. He has developed a number of telecommunications systems and applications and published various papers in the areas of Automatic Control, Communications and Digital Signal Processing, in international scientific journals and fora. Dr. Troullinos is a member of a number of honour societies and the Chairman of the BoD of HASDIG.

4TH PANEL

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DR HOLGER BECKER



Dr Holger Becker is co-founder and CSO of microfluidic ChipShop GmbH. He obtained physics degrees from the University of Western Australia and the Heidelberg University. He obtained his PhD in 1995 in Applied Physics from Heidelberg University. Between 1995 and 1997 he was a Research Associate at Imperial College. In 1998 he joined Jenoptik Mikrotechnik. Since then, he founded and led several companies in the field of microsystem technologies in medicine and the life sciences.

Dr Holger Becker was nominated for the German Founders Prize in 2004. He led the Industry Group of the German Physical Society between 2004 and 2009, and is the current chair of the SPIE “Microfluidics, BioMEMS and Medical Microsystems” conference. He serves on the Editorial Board of “Lab-on-a-Chip” as well as acting as a regular reviewer of project proposals on a national and international level.

DR WALTER F. JONES



Dr Walter F. Jones joined the Office of Naval Research (ONR) in September 2007 as Executive Director. He is the senior civilian manager at ONR, and provides executive, technical, and scientific direction in the performance of ONR’s mission of planning and managing science and technology for the Department of the Navy. Dr. Jones most recently was Director, Plans and Programs, Air Force Research Laboratory in Ohio. He has also served as Director, Aerospace and Materials Sciences, Air Force Office of Scientific Research and Deputy for Science and Technology for the National Security Space Architect. In addition, Dr. Jones has held faculty positions at the University of Florida, University of Tennessee, and Clemson University.

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Carlos Suárez is Executive Vice President at Indra, a multinational Spanish Company with business in IT, transportation and traffic systems, as well as defence and security, and with operating subsidiaries worldwide. He is responsible for the Africa, Middle East and Asia Pacific International activities and business. He is also in charge of Defense and Space business which include the units of Simulation and Training, Radars and Air Defense, Command and Control Systems, Electronic Defense and Space and Communications, among others.

He has enjoyed a long career with EADS and its predecessor company, CASA, rising to President of EADS CASA, member of the EADS Executive Committee, head of EADS Military Transport Division, and Managing Director of Airbus Military.

Mr Suárez has been awarded the Spanish Great Cross Air Force Merit Distinction and the Bolivian Cross Air Force Merit. He holds a Master’s Degree in Aeronautical Engineering and an Executive MBA degree.

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