

Timeline: European cooperation in the area of security and defence



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We are seeing a historic moment in European defence. We have moved more in the last twelve months than in the last ten years.

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Ever since High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy/ Vice-President of the European Commission Federica Mogherini presented the EU Global Strategy on Security and Defence on 28 June 2016, European cooperation in the areas of security and defence has developed at a fast pace, focusing on three complementary strategic priorities:

- 1) responding to external conflicts and crises,
- 2) strengthening the capacities of our partners and
- **3)** protecting the European Union and our citizens. The successful steps taken towards more European integration are based on the following documents (the 'defence package'):



IMPLEMENTATION PLAN
ON SECURITY AND DEFENCE



EUROPEAN DEFENCE ACTION PLAN



EU – NATO COOPERATION IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WARSAW DECLARATION

12. 2017

The European Council welcomes the launch of the permanent structured cooperation (PESCO), reviews progress on EU-NATO cooperation and the European Defence Fund.

12. 2017

Member States reach an agreement on a European Defence Fund at a Council meeting.

12. 2017

The Council adopts the decision formally launching PESCO. The participating Member States also agree on a declaration, expressing their intention to prepare the first 17 collaborative PESCO projects.

12. 2017

Ireland and Portugal notify their decision to join PESCO, which increases the number of participating Member States to 25.



12. 2017 2nd progress report on the implementation of the EU-NATO Joint Declaration (Warsaw Declaration) and additional 34 actions, including in three new areas of cooperation presented.

11. 2017 23 EU Member States submit a 'common notification' expressing their interest to participate in PESCO to HRVP Mogherini. The notification includes the list of common commitments, indicating that the participating Member States are willing and able to fulfil the requirements of PESCO.

11. 2017 The European Commission and HRVP Mogherini present a Joint Communication on military mobility to address the obstacles hampering the movement of military equipment and personnel within the EU.

10. 2017 First trial run of the Coordinated Annual Review on Defence (CARD) starts. CARD will help to foster capability development addressing shortfalls, deepen defence cooperation and ensure more optimal use of defence spending plans.

09. 2017 EU and NATO conduct for the first time a parallel and coordinated exercise. Crisis response mechanisms and their synchronisation are tested, including countering cyber and hybrid threats.

09. 2017

Start of discussions in the European Parliament on the <u>European Defence Fund</u> and proposal for regulation on the European Defence Industrial Development Programme (EDIDP).

09. 2017

HRVP Mogherini and EU Defence Ministers agree to develop defence cooperation and increase defence industry financing at an informal meeting in Tallinn.

07. 2017

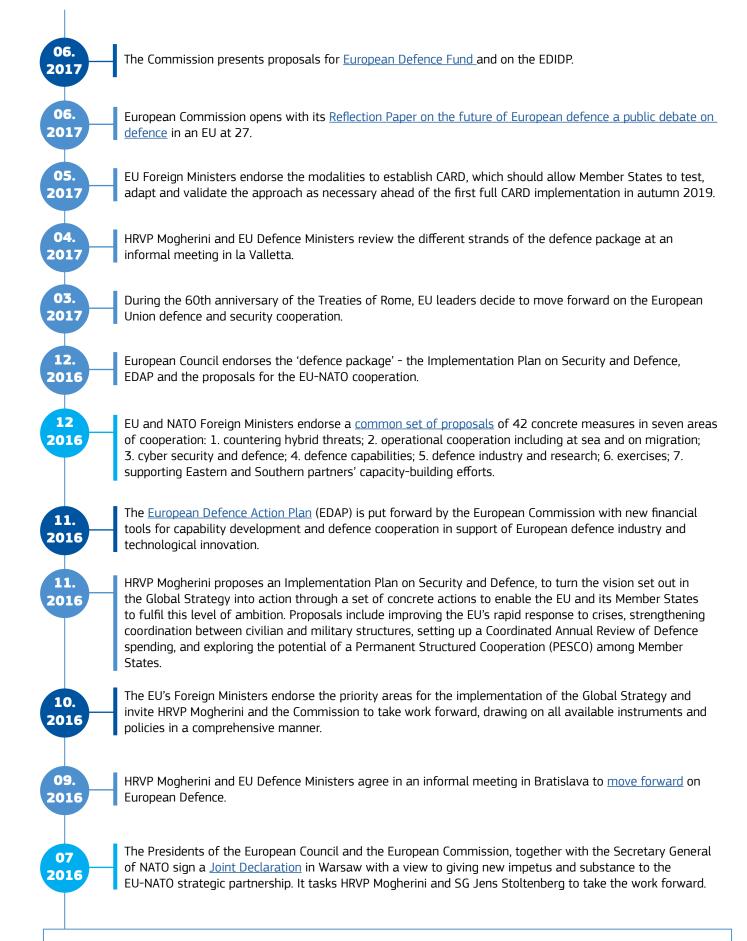
Beginning of Council discussions on proposed regulation on EDIDP.

06. 2017 The Military Planning and Conduct Capability (MPCC) is established. The EU military training missions (currently in Mali, Somalia and Central African Republic) are now under one commander, ensuring a better coordination and cooperation between military and civilian actors.

06. 2017 Launch of Preparatory Action on defence research (signature of delegation agreement with European Defence Agency), making the European Defence Fund (Research window) operational.

06. 2017 First progress report on the implementation of the Warsaw Declaration submitted by HRVP Mogherini and NATO Secretary General Stoltenberg.

06. 2017 European Council agrees on the need to activate PESCO, expressing the will to cooperate more closely together.



28 June 2016:

HRVP Mogherini launches the EU Global Strategy

