

On a stronger European Defence Industry

The Council of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE) Party convening in Bratislava, Slovakia, on 2-3 December 2022:

Recalls:

- that the European family urgently needs to adopt a strategy to be able to defend its own population, territory and critical infrastructure against hostile threats;
- that the lack of standardisation in weapon systems and military capabilities causes an inability for closer defence cooperation creating an extreme strategic weakness in the common defence of the European continent, which, due to the imminent threat posed by the Russian Federation, forms an urgent matter;
- that European defence spending is not based on a common threat analysis nor on a common analysis of capability needs.

Calls for:

- the ALDE party and its member organisations to promote strong European military and defence cooperation within the European family to be able to defend our own territory and be able to deter autocratic regimes that seek to disrupt or overthrow our free and democratic society;
- the standardisation of weapon systems in European countries within the EU, NATO or in allied partner countries;
- a dedicated long term trajectory of deeper cross-border defence cooperation and capability specialisation to form a European fist against hostile powers;
- the close coordination between our governments and the European and American defence industry in procurement processes;
- the purchase and operationalisation of weapon systems and military capabilities that are easily connected and work together in defending the European population;
- avoiding duplication of weapon systems and military capabilities and thereby creating an extreme weakness in our deterrence and common defence and security.

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