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Climate Change and the Role of the Military

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on Climate Change (GMACCC)*

Date: 25 February 2022

Time: 11h30-12h45 CET

Venue: Online via Zoom

This online discussion represents one first step into EUROMIL's efforts to raise awareness concerning the underdiscussed and often ignored role of the military in climate change under the framework of the European Climate Pact that EUROMIL is part of. Militaries are huge emitters and by making changes on how they are operating, their environmental footprint could be reduced. For instance, the replacement of fuel tanks with electric ones, the recycling of military uniforms and a broader use of renewable energy sources could significantly cut the emissions coming from the military.

The speakers will present the already in place EU's projects, actions and policies towards sustainability in the military, while discussing about what the next steps should be. EUROMIL's President, Mr Emmanuel Jacob, will present the findings of our internal survey on climate change and the defence sector to highlight existing activities undertaken by militaries to improve their energy efficiency, while a more coordinated approach is still needed.

It should also not be forgotten that climate change has severe effects on the soldiers' health and capacity during missions and operations. Hence, more cooperation, information exchange and transparency between governments are necessary to reduce militaries' carbon emissions, improve their efficacy and protect soldiers' health.

Opening Remarks: Emmanuel Jacob, President of EUROMIL

Speakers:

- Constantinos Hadjisavvas, Project Officer – Energy at European Defence Agency
- Linsey Cottrell, Environmental Policy Officer at the Conflict and Environment Observatory (CEOBS)

Moderator: Jamie Shea, Secretary-General of the Global Military Advisory Council on Climate Change (GMACCC).