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“European Armed Forces: State of Play 2023”

The Rapid Deployment Capacity (RDC), the Reserve Forces and Climate Change

Partner: MEP Juozas OLEKAS

Venue: European Parliament

Date: 8 June 2023

Time: 10:00 CEST

Today’s geopolitical environment has dramatically changed: Russia’s aggression against Ukraine, cyber threats, climate change are jeopardizing international security and stability. European countries are increasing their defence spending to acquire more high-end capabilities and technological sovereignty. The EU and NATO through the Strategic Compass and the Strategic Concept are moving towards making the Euro-Atlantic area stronger, more secure and able to deal with current, emerging and future threats.

In this regard, the aim of the conference is to discuss the current issues that military personnel are facing in Europe and how European defence integration is moving forward. It has been more than a year since the Strategic Compass has been adopted and the Rapid Deployment Capacity (RDC) live exercises started in 2023. Hence, the main questions that the first panel is trying to answer are how the RDC functions, what the common exercises mean for military personnel, and what should be the future outcome of the RDC. To continue, the second panel discussion will focus on - an often under-discussed topic - the Reserve in the Armed Forces, and how they can contribute to the capabilities development and in dealing with emerging threats, as climate change.

Agenda

10:00- 10:15 Opening Speech, MEP Juozas OLEKAS

10:15-11:15 1st Panel Discussion “The implementation of the Strategic Compass: the Rapid Deployment Capacity”

Speakers:

General Robert Brieger, Chairman of the EU Military Committee (EUMC)

Frédéric MAURO, French Institute for International and Strategic Affairs

Moderator: Jo Coelmont, Egmont Royal Institute



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- **11:15- 12:15 2nd Panel Discussion "The Reserve in the Armed Forces and the question of climate change"**

Speakers:

Luc Audoore, Lieutenant - Colonel (R), Belgium

Jordan Koop, Policy Officer, Emerging Security Challenges at NATO

Moderator: Jamie Shea (GMACCC and Friends of Europe)

12:15 – 12:30 Closing remarks, President of EUROMIL