



EDITORIAL



EUROMIL holds its 131st General Assembly Meeting

On 9-10 May EUROMIL held its 131st General Assembly in Brussels (Belgium) at the Maison des Associations Internationales.

EUROMIL's President, Emmanuel Jacob opened the conference by welcoming the members and underscoring the significance of current European defence developments. He stressed the need to invest not only in equipment and capabilities but also in people, advocating for a defence system that ...

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EUROMIL's Extraordinary General Assembly 2025: A New Chapter



On 9 May 2025, EUROMIL organised its Extraordinary General Assembly (EGA) in Brussels, an event held every four years. This year's extraordinary session was linked to the 131st General Assembly, which continued on 9 and 10 May. At the EGA, President Emmanuel Jacob presented the Board's report on the 2021–2025 mandate. It was a positive and hopeful reflection on EUROMIL's ...

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EUROMIL Statement for Europe Day 2025

The 131st EUROMIL General Assembly in Brussels (Belgium) adopted its statement for Europe Day 2025. To download the document [click here](#).

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Statement of the 131st General Assembly of EUROMIL

Brussels, 9 May 2025 – Europe Day



Towards Human-Centric European Defence: EUROMIL's Reflections on Recent EU Initiatives



In recent weeks, the European Commission published two key initiatives that aim to shape the future of its security and defence architecture: the White Paper on the Future of European Defence and the European Preparedness Union Strategy. Both documents are part of an effort to respond to increasing geopolitical uncertainties and build a more resilient, secure, and strategically autonomous Europe. ...

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EUROMIL Activities *Security & Defence*



Minister of Defence of Bulgaria Atanas Zapryanov met with the President of EUROMIL, Emmanuel Jacob

After proposition of EUROMIL's member BUAFWA, the Bulgarian Minister of Defense Atanas Zapryanov met with Emmanuel Jacob, President of EUROMIL, on 12 May. The discussion focused on people in defence. In detail, attention was paid to the growing need for investments not only in infrastructure, equipment and armaments, but also in human resources. Recruiting and retaining personnel, ensuring competitive pay ...

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Security and Values: Why Climate and Inclusion Still Matter

As reported by Politico, NATO is quietly weakening its stance on climate, gender, and diversity in internal documents — a precautionary move designed to avoid potential backlash from the U.S. administration. While some may consider this a pragmatic strategy to maintain cohesion among all 32 member states, it signals a dangerous step away from values the Alliance has long claimed ...



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EUROMIL Welcomes the Adoption of the Annual CSDP Report

On Wednesday, 2 April, the European Parliament adopted its annual report on the Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) during the plenary session. EUROMIL welcomes the adoption of this crucial report, which comes at a particularly significant moment given the evolving geopolitical landscape. The current security environment demands bold actions and enhanced cooperation among EU Member States to strengthen European ...

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A People-Focussed Turn in European Security: EUROMIL Welcomes the European Preparedness Union Strategy

On 26 March 2025, the European Commission and the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy published the European Preparedness Union Strategy, a comprehensive and timely initiative aimed at strengthening the EU's capacity to anticipate, prepare for, and respond to crises of all kinds. European Commissioner for Equality, Preparedness and Crisis Management Hadja Lahbib and Roxana ...



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EUROMIL's Criticism of the White Paper on European Defence: A Missed Opportunity

On 19 March 2025, the European Commission's released the long-awaited White Paper on the Future of European Defence which has raised serious concerns within EUROMIL. The Paper was presented by the HRVP Kaja Kallas and Defence Commissioner Andrius Kubilius, with the aim to be a step into building a European Defence Union and the overall defence readiness of the Member ...

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EUROMIL Welcomes the 6 March Council Conclusions on European Defence and Support to Ukraine



EUROMIL welcomes the conclusions of the 6 March European Council special meeting, which reaffirm the EU's unwavering support for Ukraine's independence, sovereignty, and territorial integrity. European leaders underscored their solidarity with Ukraine and stressed that Ukraine should be included in any peace talks for their country. The leaders are also committed to a substantial increase in European defence spending, recognizing ...

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EUROMIL Activities *Social Affairs*



International Women's Day: Women as Agents of Change in Conflict Resolution

On 4 March, ahead of International Women's Day, the European Parliament Partnership Team organized a panel discussion on "Women as Agents of Change in Conflict Resolution." The event gathered key voices advocating for women's essential role in peacebuilding, featuring MEP Lina Gálvez, UN Women, Action Aid, European Movement International, and Promote Ukraine. Copyright: © European Union 2025 - Source : ...

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EUROMIL Presents Landmark Decision on Trade Union Rights for Military Personnel in Portugal

On 6 March 2025, the European Organisation of Military Associations and Trade Unions (EUROMIL) publicly presented the Decision on the Merits in the case EUROMIL v. Portugal, issued by the European Committee of Social Rights (ECSR). The ruling confirms that Portugal's restrictions on trade union rights for military personnel violate the European Social Charter. EUROMIL's President, Emmanuel Jacob, and Board ...

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Member News

Greece



PFEARFU celebrates its 8 years anniversary

On Friday, March 28, 2025, the Panhellenic Federation of Armed Forces Union (PFEARFU) held an event to mark eight years of its

dynamic presence in the institutional representation of Armed Forces personnel. The event was titled: "PFEARFU: 8 Years Standing by Armed Forces Personnel." The event was moderated by PFEARFU's Gender Equality Secretary, Katerina Kiourtsidou, and Organizational Secretary and ...

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Bulgaria

BUAFWA meets the Minister of Defence of the Republic of Bulgaria



*Cover Photo Copyright: Bulgarian MOD The Bulgarian Armed Forces Women's Association (BUAFWA) met with the Minister of Defence of the Republic of Bulgaria, Atanas Zapryanov, on March 10 at the Ministry of Defence. The Minister expressed appreciation for the contributions of women in uniform to the development of military capabilities and reaffirmed the Ministry's commitment to ensuring equal opportunities for ...

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Spain



News from AUGC (Spain)

AUGC persuades GRECO to rule on the lack of transparency in the Civil Guard's appointments. Concern over the persistence of discretionary appointments in the Civil Guard

following the GRECO report (5th Round, December 2023) The Council of Europe's Group of States against Corruption (GRECO) is an international body responsible for overseeing the fight against corruption in its member states. Its ...

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AUME Celebrates The 20 Years of its Foundation



In an event held in Madrid, at the venue of CC. OO. Trade Union, AUME has commemorated the 20 years of the founding of the association, registered on April 12, 2005. During this event, a video of the history of AUME was projected and successively the following spoke: - Jorge Bravo, founder and first secretary-general of the association, who recalled ...

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Increase in Remuneration of Military Personnel in Spain

The Ministry of Defence has announced a salary increase for

military personnel in all categories of €200 linear. AUME positively values this increase in salaries, although it considers that it falls very short in relation to the loss of purchasing power suffered by the group. AUME maintains its claim to adjust the salaries of members of the armed forces to ...

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Upcoming Events



132nd General Assembly, Paris (France),
16-17 October 2025

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