



EDITORIAL



NATO and EUCO Boost Defence Goals: Money, Momentum but what about Manpower?

The recent NATO Summit in The Hague and the European Council (EUCO) meeting in Brussels marked a significant shift in European defence posture. While reaffirming core principles such as collective defence and transatlantic unity, both summits were dominated by one clear message: defence spending must rise and fast. NATO Allies committed to increasing defence and security-related expenditure to 5% of ...

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From 2% to 5%: NATO's defence spending must be sustainable for taxpayers



Published ahead of the NATO summit in The Hague, June 2025. As NATO leaders prepare for their meeting in The Hague, defence spending is back on the political agenda after many years. This time, however, a major change of course seems to be on the horizon. The 2014 target of spending 2% of GDP on defence is no longer considered ...

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Group of the Greens/European Free Alliance, 18 June 2025 Q&A with Marc Thys, Lieutenant-general (retired), Senior Associate Fellow at EGMONT Royal Institute for ...

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Denmark's EU Presidency: A Strong Europe in a Changing World

Under the motto "A Strong Europe in a Changing World," Denmark

assumes the Presidency of the Council of the EU for the second half of 2025. With a sharp focus on security, competitiveness, and green transition, Denmark's leadership will steer EU efforts in an increasingly volatile global landscape. Responding to growing geopolitical threats, the Danish Presidency will prioritize building a ...



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EUROMIL welcomes the European Commission's Defence Readiness Omnibus proposal

On 17 June, the European Commission presented the Defence Readiness Omnibus, which introduces a set of measures to help EU Member States and the defence industry to rapidly strengthen defence capabilities and enhance the European Defence Technological and Industrial Base (EDTIB). These initiatives aim to cut red tape, streamline access to EU funding, and provide more certainty to defence industries, ...

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Social Affairs

Building Bridges for Military Rights: Highlights from the Rome Conference

Rome, 5–6 June 2025 – EUROMIL co-led a landmark international conference on “Union Protections in European Military Corps: A Comparison for the Future,” hosted by the Italian associations NSC (Nuovo Sindacato Carabinieri) and SIAMO Esercito, with the cooperation of ASSODIPRO. The event brought together legal experts, academics, and political and military representatives to engage in a forward-looking debate on the ...



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Member News

Germany



Leadership Appointment: Dr. Nicole Schilling becomes Deputy Inspector General of the German Armed

Forces

The German Federal Ministry of Defence has announced two changes to high-ranking military personnel: Dr Nicole Schilling, Surgeon General, will become Deputy Inspector General, while Major General Dr. Christian Freuding will become the new Inspector General of the Army. This makes Dr. Schilling the first woman to hold this post and the first female deputy to General Carsten Breuer, the ...

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Greece

News from Greece: Military Personnel Included in Housing Allowance

PFEARFU achieved an immediate response from the Minister of Social Cohesion and Family regarding the housing allowance issue for military personnel. During a



meeting on July 4, 2025, the request was made to include active-duty military personnel in the allowance, alongside other professional categories. The Minister committed to promptly consulting with relevant Ministries to ensure that military personnel are not ...

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Malta



MALTA: GWU signs Sectoral Agreement with AFM

In a decisive move to enhance the welfare of Malta's military personnel, a ground-breaking sectoral agreement has been signed for 1,800

members of the Armed Forces of Malta. Described by Prime Minister Robert Abela as the most beneficial deal ever for the military, the agreement entails an impressive €70 million investment into improving conditions for those who serve the nation. ...

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Portugal

In Portugal, after the complaint presented by EUROMIL...

On June 25, 2025, dozens of military personnel answered the call of the Professional Military Associations (APM) for a meeting in the auditorium of the Santo Amaro Academy, in Lisbon. In the light of the recent decision by the European Committee of Social Rights to give effect to the "right of association and claim action for Portuguese military personnel, including ...



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Spain



The historic breakthrough promoted by the AUGC is now law: the reform protecting

employment after permanent disability has been published in the Official State Gazette

AUGC celebrates the entry into force of a law that protects the right to maintain employment through adaptation or change of assignment, and which will also benefit Armed Forces and National Police personnel. The Unified Association of Civil Guards (AUGC) celebrates the publication in the Official State Gazette of Law 2/2025, of April 29, a legislative reform of enormous significance ...

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José Morata:
"Returning to the Civil Guard is closing a cycle that began with repression and ends with dignity."



Interview with José Morata, one of the founders of AUGC, civil guard expelled from the Corps who is now returning to his position: the Civil Guard. In a force where for decades speaking out was not allowed, José Morata was one of the first to do so. In the 1990s, he promoted the creation of SUGC (Sindicato Unificado de Guardias ...

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The Netherlands



**A dangerous bill,
Amersfoort, The
Netherlands –
MARVER and
AFMP**

The Dutch minister of defence is preparing a law that could reduce Dutch soldiers to pawns without rights and restrict the fundamental rights of trade union representatives. This law is being sold as a necessity to get the armed forces back in order and filled with sufficient soldiers. The so-called 'defence preparation'. The truth is that this law is a ...

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Upcoming Events



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

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