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INDUSTRY ENGAGEMENT ON CAPABILITY DEVELOPMENT WITH REGARD TO THE STRATEGIC CONTEXT CASE – GROUND COMBAT CAPABILITIES – CALL FOR papers

Annex: “Ground Combat Capabilities - Defence Industry Engagement” Call for Papers

To pursue the more structured and focused dialogue with industry and to facilitate industry engagement in EDA activities as decided by EDA Steering Board in May 2017, EDA will organise a series of workshops with industry on areas related to the eleven EU Capability Development Priorities approved in 2018.

The **workshop on 2 June 2021** will be focused on the implementation of the EU Capability Development Priority “Ground Combat Capabilities”, on the basis of the Strategic Context Cases (SCC) agreed by Member States, with an emphasis on the two related Focus Areas “Main Battle Tank” (MBT) and “Soldier Systems” identified by CARD. Its purpose is to provide Industry¹ the opportunity to share its views on the implementation aspects for the entire priority, including the two Focus Areas, to

¹ Based on the EDA Industry engagement policy, when engaging industries on matters related to EDA prioritisation tools, EDA invites only industries that are established in the EDA participating Member States and that do not have limitations in terms of intellectual property rights, security of supply, security of information or export controls, stemming from mother companies or entities outside the EDA participating Member States.

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contribute to developing a common understanding and to suggest on further perspectives which could inform capability development and R&T in the selected areas. This should also include the short (until 2025) and medium term perspective (up to 2035) on the industrial and technological outlook, thus making the capability planners reflect on the 'art of the possible'. Relevant Key Strategic Activities (KSA) reports related to the topics will also be addressed during the workshop.

The EU Capability Development Priority Ground Combat Capabilities (GCC) and its related SCC (in an adapted version) have been shared in November 2019 also with EDA participating Member States industry through National Defence Industry Associations and the AeroSpace and Defence Industries Association in Europe (ASD) for collecting valuable inputs to be inserted.

In order to prepare for this workshop, EDA invites NDIAs and ASD to reach out to their members and encourage them to respond to the call for papers attached. Common views coming from industry partnered with national research centres or commercial actors will also be taken into consideration. Please note that papers are to be submitted to EDA at scc4@eda.europa.eu, with copy to gabriel.ratiu@eda.europa.eu, **by 16 April 2021**.

During the workshop, selected industry representatives will be invited to present their views to Member States focusing on the topics included in the call for papers. Speakers will be selected based on their replies to the call for papers, which will be evaluated by EDA.

Submissions are sought from a wide range of industries involved in GCC. Though responses to both topics in this call for papers are encouraged, submitters may develop answers only to one, based on their area of expertise.

Submissions will be judged on their innovativeness and relevance as well as ability to stimulate mainly discussion on the two Focus Areas, MBT and Soldier Systems, but also – as appropriate – to the other areas of the Ground Combat Capabilities as laid down in the SCC GCC. Participation in this call for papers is open to companies of any size as well as academic, research institutes and associations or groupings of industrial suppliers.

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