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# White Paper for European Defence – Readiness 2030

## Making Europe Ready by 2030

7 critical capability areas identified together with the Member State:

- ▶ Air and Missile defence
- ▶ Artillery systems
- ▶ Ammunition and missiles
- ▶ Drones and counter drones systems
- ▶ Military mobility
- ▶ AI, Quantum, Cyber and Electronic warfare
- ▶ Strategic enablers and critical infrastructure protection, including strategic airlift, air-to-air refuelling, maritime domain awareness, space assets

## Rebuilding European defence begins in Ukraine

- ▶ Direct EU military assistance
- ▶ Associate Ukraine to EU initiatives to develop and/or procure defence capabilities
- ▶ Integration of the Ukrainian defence industry into the European defence industry



## Spending better, together and European

The need for a European approach

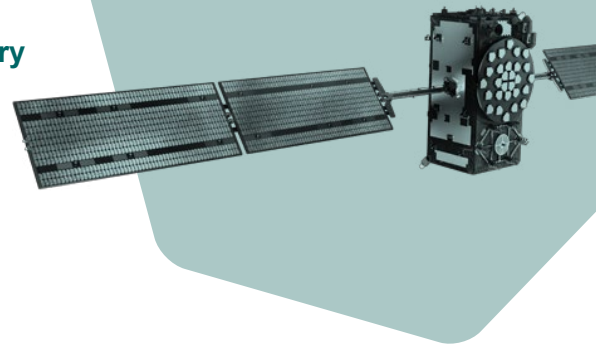
**Better:**  
Investment in critical capability priorities, in line with existing EU and NATO processes

**Together:**

- ▶ Common procurement
- ▶ More interoperability
- ▶ Less fragmentation
- ▶ Economies of scale

**European:**

- ▶ Foster local growth
- ▶ job creation
- ▶ and reduce dependencies from third countries



## Establishing a strong and innovative European Defence Industry

- ▶ Aggregate demand from Member States to give predictability
- ▶ Support defence industrial ramp-up
- ▶ Place contracts to rapidly procure capabilities
- ▶ Support swift adoption of EDIP, the European Defence Industry Programme

## Achieving deterrence through disruptive innovation

- ▶ Attract new defence players and disruptive technologies
- ▶ Support investment in disruptive technologies including AI and Quantum
- ▶ A European roadmap to accelerate the transformation of defence through disruptive innovation

## Simplifying current legislation

- ▶ Defence Ombus by June 2025
- ▶ Tapping into the potential of a true EU-wide market for defence equipment
- ▶ Simplification of EU Defence public procurement

## Preparing for the worst-case scenario

To effectively deploy military troops and assets across the Union, the EU and its Member States will need to address rapid production of critical defence equipment



**Military Mobility and infrastructure**



**Stockpiling and Readiness Pools**

## Funding Options to ReArm Europe Plan / Readiness 2030

**ReArm Europe Plan / Readiness 2030:** Unlocking up to EUR 800 billion for an expenditure surge on European defence:

1.

Activation of the national escape clause of the **Stability and Growth Pact**

Estimated: impact up to **EUR 650 billion**

2.

**Security Action for Europe – SAFE instrument:**

Raising up to **EUR 150 billion** on capital markets

3.

Contributions from the **European Investment Bank** and mobilising private capital

## Enhanced security through partnerships

Security challenges have global implications. The White Paper identifies several ways to strengthen strategic partnerships across the world.



Further enhance the EU-NATO partnership



Enhanced EU-US bilateral dialogue on Security and Defence in fields such as cyber, maritime security, & to discuss procurement issues



Deepen cooperation on joint procurement and in flagship projects with Norway



Step up security and defence cooperation with the UK



Enhance transatlantic security and defence cooperation with Canada



Enhance security and defence cooperation with Indo-Pacific partners (India, Japan, Republic of Korea, and Australia)

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