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Conference “Impact of Disruptive Technologies on Defence”

Online event, 20 April 2021.

Under the auspices of the Portuguese Presidency of the Council of the European Union, the Portuguese Ministry of National Defence and the European Defence Agency (EDA) organise a research and technology conference entitled “Impact of Disruptive Technologies on Defence”. The conference will take place on 20 April 2021, in a virtual format, due to the COVID-19 restrictions.

High-level representatives from Ministries of Defence, defence research centres, industry and European institutions and NATO will discuss how emerging and disruptive technologies will impact defence capabilities, as well as how they can be rapidly integrated in Member States armed forces.

Speakers for this online event include:

- João Gomes CRAVINHO - Minister of Defence of Portugal
- Jiří ŠEDIVÝ - EDA Chief Executive
- Stephen QUEST - Director-General of the Joint Research Centre of the European Commission
- Petter BEDOIRE - Chief Technology Officer, Saab AB
- General André LANATA - NATO Supreme Allied Commander Transformation

This conference will provide an interesting overview of EDA’s central role in European defence research and the need for the Union to broaden investment in innovative and disruptive technologies to support state-of-the-art defence capabilities.

A full list of speakers and the conference agenda is available at: <https://eundefenceresearch2021.com/>