

## ASD KEY PRIORITY 4

### A HARMONISED EUROPEAN SECURITY ENVIRONMENT

#### ISSUE

There is a need to establish a harmonized European Security Environment in which European Industry will be able to develop and implement coherent solutions for the many diverse requirements arising at all levels of the "Security Chain".

ASD therefore perceives the need to create a framework of conditions at the EU level that permits the development and deployment of security solutions that will lead to an open and secure Europe serving the citizen.

#### BACKGROUND

Security represents a major political, social and economic challenge for all countries. It is a major and sometimes underestimated aspect of our life, our economy, the employment and the wellbeing of citizens. Missing or insufficient security can have an enormous impact on the local and international economy. Security should not be seen as an added cost, but as an embedded feature of all systems and services aiming at the protection of citizens and governments, while providing resilience to the economy.

The present European Security Market is facing legacy situations where many purchasing authorities coexist and act in limited coordination. Several EU Programmes on security have been launched by the European Commission (e.g. ESRP, EPCIP, etc.). Nevertheless the young EU security market is still highly fragmented and unstructured.

This fragmentation jeopardizes the chances for European Industry to establish itself with technologically and economically competitive solutions that also carry the potential for market success on a global scale.

The European Commission has identified in the Stockholm Programme the objectives for a European area of Justice Security and Freedom for the next 5 years and has started the definition security research activities in FP8, also leveraging on ESRIF recommendations.

Exploitation of security aspects related to other EU Commission responsibility areas (Transport, ICT, etc.) is also getting growing attention. An increased coordination of security issues is expected across the EC with the appointment of a specific Commissioner.

#### OBJECTIVE

The objective for ASD is to increase competitiveness and reduce market fragmentation. This can be done through support the EC and MS activities on:

- Development at EU level of a comprehensive and sustainable European Industrial Security Policy
- Continue fostering a structured Public-Private Dialogue and Cooperation between the demand and supply side.

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- Establishment of European Security Programmes with clear operational objectives, coordinated technology developments, strategy for implementation of innovation and investment of adequate resources at EC and MS level, in the main envisaged areas:
  - EU Borders Control (Management and surveillance, in particular Maritime Surveillance),
  - EU Civil Protection, including crisis management,
  - The Protection of Critical Infrastructures (including cyber security and air transportation security).Space capabilities to increase situation awareness, should also be developed to support priority domains.
- Foster, when possible, the development of Regulations and Legislations at EU level to secure industrial investments on development and implementation.
- Development of European rules for third party liability for security solutions and services across Member States.

#### ASD ACTION

- Promote a meaningful implementation of the Stockholm Programme and the funding of EU Security Programmes for the next financial perspectives
- Support the development of an EU Industrial Security Policy
- Support that the funding of the operations of GMES covers all Security areas (emergency response, civil protection, maritime surveillance etc).
- Ensure a meaningful participation of ASD Members in the European Security Research Programme through the SMIGs and IMG-S
- Provide consolidated advice on strategy, relevant objectives, scientific and technological priorities to the EC through participation in the Security Advisory Group and EC market studies
- Promote the longer term research issues linked to the preparation of FP8.
- Continue to lead an effective "Security Industry Coalition" both for Research (IMG-S) and market-oriented activities (EOS)
- Support the implementation of major European Programmes on major security priorities
- Initiate and develop SME support measures.
- Support the development and implementation of European rules for third part liability for security solutions and services across Member States.