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The Defense of Europe

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Abstract. *The defense of Europe and the European defense are definitions that can be utilized to identify different visions.*

The European defense is used in a traditionalist vision as a European model of army follower of the organization of national States.

Today the defense of Europe implies a project with several facets: to continue building the new European statehood, to construct a new concept of defense which contributes to peace and to the affirmation of an international order, to build a European pillar inside NATO, to reach agreements with the international community and mainly with the neighboring Countries.

The reference to the European history clarifies the importance of the distinction between the two paradigms.

The defense has specific features that require the search for innovative solutions. As the present paper suggests Europe could replicate the dual model with which the United States organized the defense, from the foundation until the Second World War.

The dual model implies that Member States maintain almost total control on land forces while federation takes responsibility for the most innovative defense sectors: aerospace, electronic, research, the navy, the federal corporations operating in the defense sector.

The defense of Europe has an inherent security importance, but is equally important for the development and modernization of the European system.

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