



**EUROPEAN  
SESSION  
FOR ARMAMENT  
REPRESENTATIVES**

# EUROPEAN SESSION FOR ARMAMENT REPRESENTATIVES (SERA)

## A UNIQUE FORUM FOR ARMAMENT REPRESENTATIVES AT THE EUROPEAN LEVEL

The "European Session for Armament Representatives" has been created in 1989. It aims at reinforcing the dynamics of exchanges and cooperation between European countries as regards military procurement programs and defence equipment.

### OBJECTIVES

- Providing attendees with a **better understanding of current European defence issues**, with a focus on aspects related to armament and defence economics;
- **Promoting the emergence of a joint reflection** between auditors, through sharing their respective experiences, on the basis of their diverse professional backgrounds;
- **Fostering open-mindedness** as regards perspectives for enhanced cooperation in the field of armament through joint activities.

### EDUCATIONAL CONTENT

Discussions traditionally centre about a general theme previously determined in coherence with current armament and defence challenges and issues at the European and international levels. The general theme for the 33<sup>rd</sup> edition of this session is the following one: ***"European strategic autonomy" vs. "Nation first" \_ How to proceed in favour of European Defence industry?"***.

The session thus consists of:

- **Conferences and debates (50% of the program)** which provide an opportunity to discuss various challenges and issues related to European defence industry and economics and to the Common Defence and Security Policy (CSDP);
- **Field visits of military, industrial and research sites (30% of the program)**;
- **Committee sessions (20% of the program)** during which attendees exchange on various topics related to armament and defence economics challenges.

The working language during this session is English.

## ORGANIZATION

The session is usually organized from March to June. The different weeks of the program are respectively held in France (2 weeks) and in two other European countries (1 week in each country).

The 33<sup>rd</sup> edition of the SERA will take place as followed:

- **March 14-18 2022, France;**
- **April 25-29 2022, Germany;**
- **May 16-20 2022, Finland;**
- **June 20-24 2022, France.**

More detailed programs will be provided to the selected participants no later than 2 months before each event.



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Training period March-June 2022

Around 20 days of training

Number of auditors  $\approx$  65

#### POINTS OF CONTACT

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# HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SERA 33 PROGRAM

## Audience

The SERA aims at strengthening the dynamics of cooperation between institutional and industrial representatives, working in the field of armament, at the European level. The session is opened to EU Member States but also to representatives from Switzerland, Norway, Turkey and from EU institutions and agencies. Approximately 60 to 70 attendees, all high-level representatives and managers, working in the field of armament and defence equipment, participate in each session.

Les auditeurs sélectionnés appartiendront à l'une des catégories suivantes :

- **Participants are traditionally from the national departments and ministries** in charge of defence and armament matters;
- **Generals or colonel from the national joint staffs** (operational positions or responsibilities related to the definition of military requirements and plans);
- **Directors and senior managers from industries / companies** specialized in defence equipment (prime contractors / major cooperative partners / subcontractors) but also from financial institutions involved in defence equipment activities.

The attendees must, to the extent possible, participate in all different activities scheduled throughout the 4 weeks of the program.

**REGISTRATION OPENING  
APPLICATIONS ADDRESSED  
TO NADS AND TO THE ATTENTION  
OF ALL RELEVANT INSTITUTIONS AND  
AGENCIES AT THE EUROPEAN LEVEL)**

**NOVEMBER 2021**

**SELECTION  
OF PARTICIPANTS**

**DECEMBER 2021  
JANUARY 2022**

**END OF  
REGISTRATION  
JANUARY 14, 2022**

**SERA 33  
MARCH 2022**