EUROPEAN DEFENCE AGENCY

Focus on Underwater: insight of the EU Capability Development Plan

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About EDA: INSTITUTIONAL SETTING

KAJA KALLAS
Head of EDA

+ Vice-President of the European Commission

+ High Representative of the Union for **Foreign Affairs** and **Security Policy**

Jiří Šedivý
EDA CHIEF EXECUTIVE

EDA STEERING BOARD
27 Defence Ministers

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GUIDELINES

REPORTS

FOREIGN AFFAIRS COUNCIL
Foreign /Defence Ministers

Political and Security Committee (PSC)
Ambassador level

CHODs

EUMC

EEAS
EUMS

CONSULTATION & COOPERATION

OVERALL MISSION

… to support the Council and the Member States in their effort to improve the Union's defence capabilities in the field of crisis management and to sustain the CSDP*

*Council decision 2015/1835 of 12 Oct. 2015 on statute, seat and operational rules of the EDA

2024 Long-Term Review: EDA's reinforced mandate and Core Tasks

Identifying shared needs and priorities at EU level

Interfacing with EU civilian and defence policies

Aggregating demand towards joint procurement

Enabling collaborative defence research, technology, and innovation

Harmonising requirements and engaging in joint capability development

Leveraging synergies with EU stakeholders

Developing cooperation with third parties & NATO

ORGANISATION

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STEERING BOARD CHAIRED BY THE HEAD OF THE AGENCY

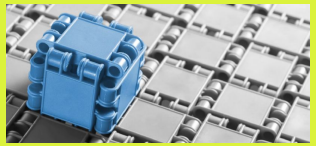
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE

- Chief Information Security Officer
  - Chief Executive Policy Office (CE PO)
- Internal Auditor
  - Media & Communication Unit (MCU)

Legend:
- Directorate
- Unit
- Function

INDUSTRY, SYNERGIES & ENABLERS DIRECTORATE (ISE)



Key Strategic Activities (KSA)

CAPABILITY, ARMAMENT & PLANNING DIRECTORATE (CAP)

(CDP)

RESEARCH, TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION DIRECTORATE (RTI)

Overarching Strategic Research Agenda (OSRA)

CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE (CSD)

- Legal Office / Data Protection
- Programme Management
- Records Management Office

- Human Resources Unit
- Finance Unit
- Procurement & Contract Unit
- Security & Infrastructure Unit
- IT Unit

THE 2023 EU CAPABILITY DEVELOPMENT **PRIORITIES**

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22 PRIORITIES

- Ground Combat Capabilities
- Land Based Precision Engagement
- Future Soldier Systems

- Naval Combat & Maritime Interdiction
- Underwater & Seabed Warfare
- Maritime Domain Awareness

- Air Combat Platforms & Weapons
- Airborne Command & Inform Capabilities
- Integrated Air Missile Defence
- Air Transport

- Space Operations
- Space Services

- Full Spectrum Cyber Defence Ops
- Cyber Warfare Advantage and Readiness

Strategic Enablers & Force Multipliers

- EMSO Dominance
- CBRN Defence
- Persistent & Resilient C4ISTAR
- Medical Support
- Critical Infrastructure
- Military Mobility
- Protection & Energy Security
- Sustainable & Agile
- Cohesive & Well-Trained

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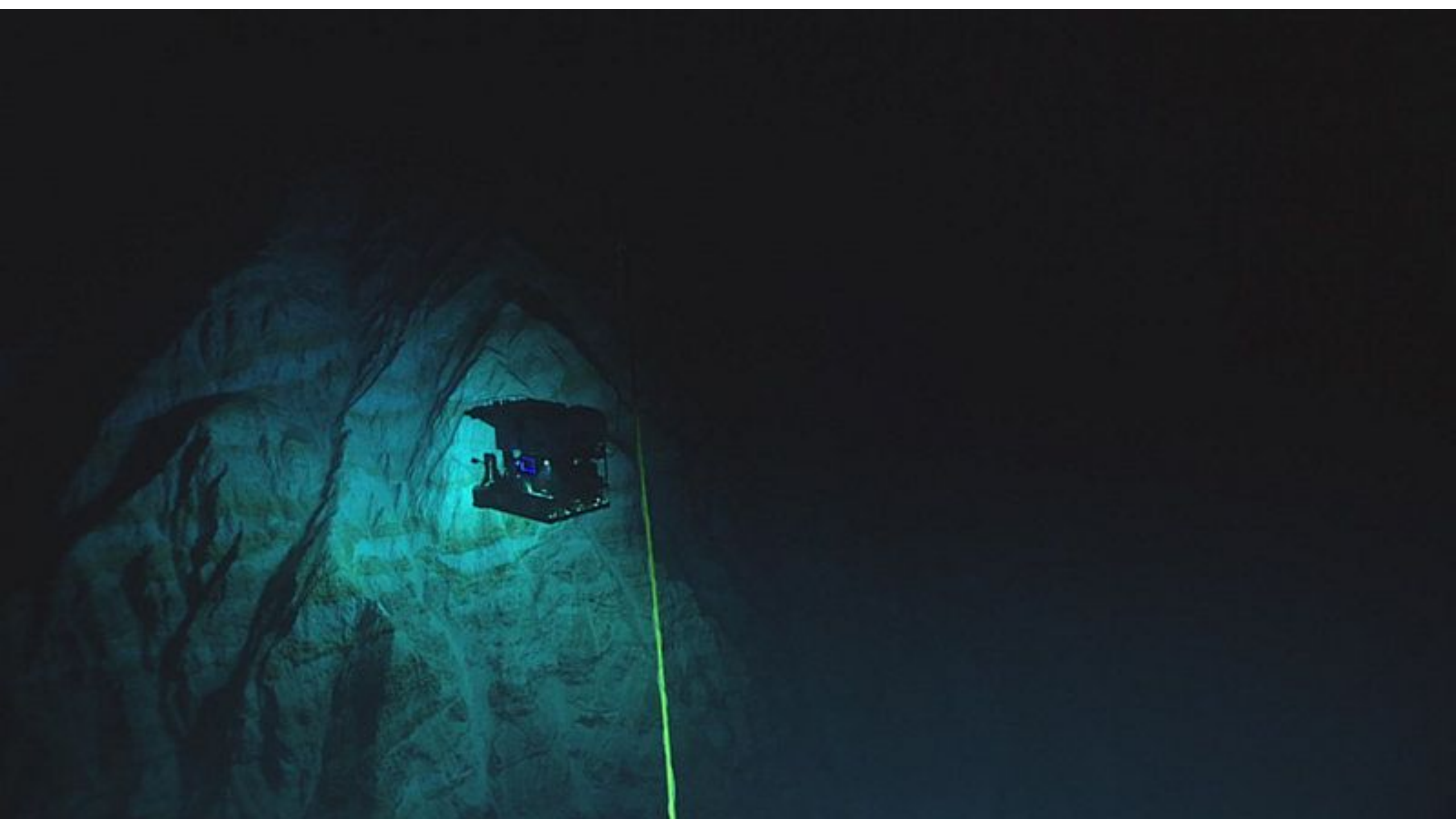

3 MARITIME Domain Priorities

Maritime Domain Awareness

- Next Generation Maritime Situational Awareness Capabilities
- Comprehensive Underwater Surveillance Capabilities

Underwater & Seabed Warfare

- Seabed Warfare & Deep-Water Operational Capabilities
- Underwater Force Protection Systems
- ASW (Anti-submarine Warfare) Capabilities

Naval Combat & Maritime Interdiction

- Upgrade Current Naval Surface Systems
- Next Generation Naval Surface Combat Systems
- Long Range Armed Manned and Unmanned Maritime Systems

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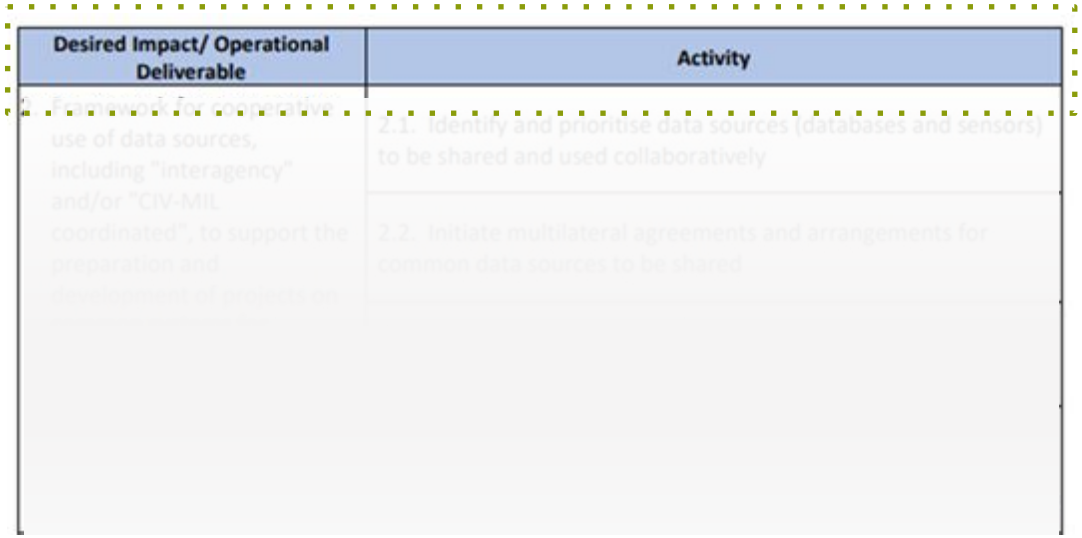
Priorities‘ Operationalisation

- Dedicated **Implementation Roadmaps** agreed among MS

- 1 PIR for Priority

actionable and concrete deliverables and activities in short/medium/long term



conclusions

- The '*new space*'
- Monitoring and developing capabilities to operate in the UW environment is a pressing need
- Short term achievements vs. long term gains

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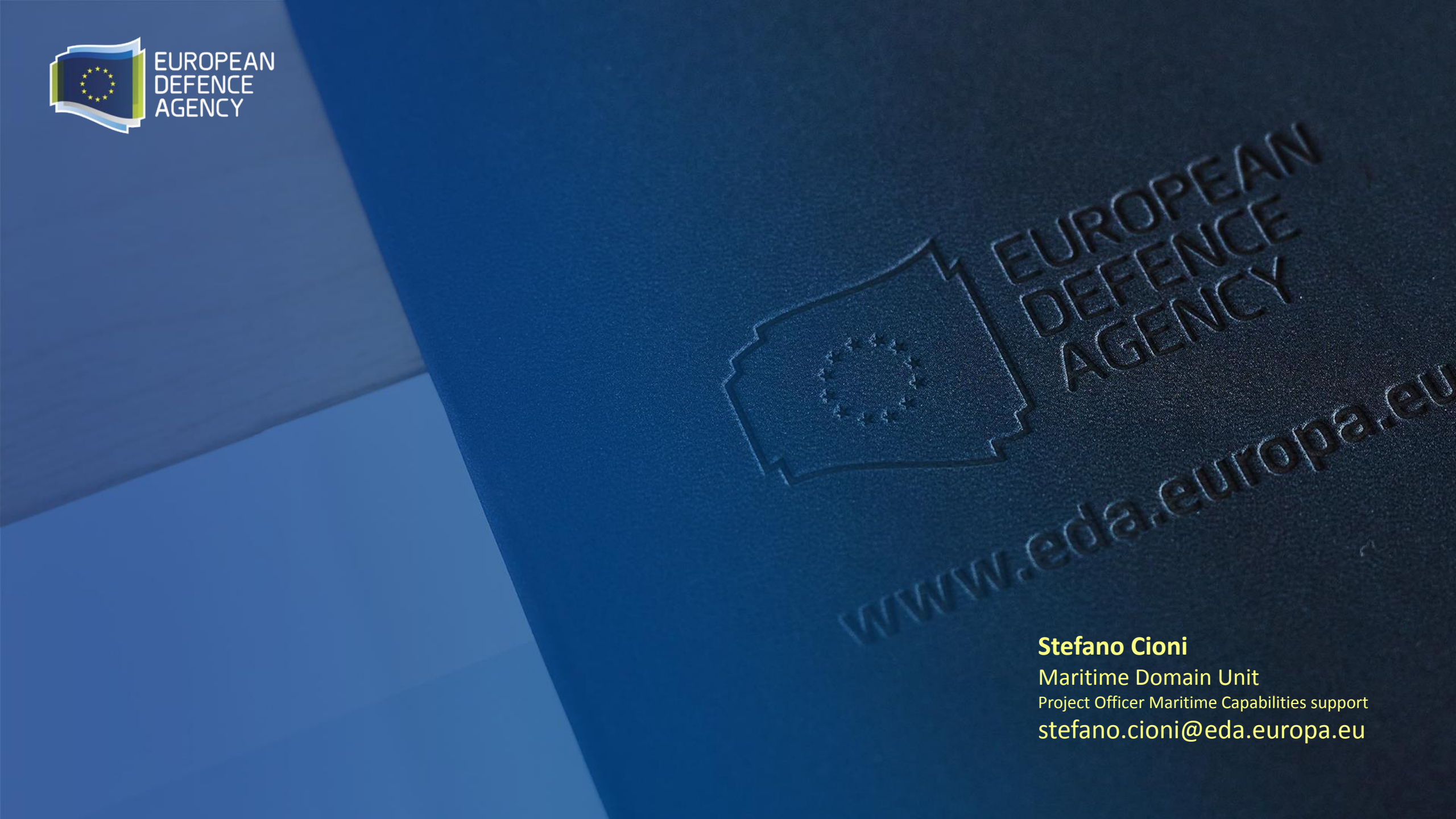

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