



CONFERENCE

Conference on Baltic States' Defence Procurement Opportunities

Polytechnic Institute of Viseu, Viseu

May 16th , Viseu

I. IdD Overview

IdD – Portuguese Platform for Defence Industries is a state-owned company, via the Portuguese Defence Industries holding – Empordef, SA, overseen by the Portuguese Ministry of Defence. Formed in 2014, and attached to the already formed demilitarization company, idD was charged with promoting and fomenting the country's Defence Technological and Industrial Base (DTIB). The Portuguese DTIB congregates several national and foreign-owned companies, that operate in Portugal, and are able to become suppliers to the Portuguese Armed Forces and the demanding Aerospace, Defence and Security market.

Featuring several clusters, those capabilities cover everything from textiles, naval shipyards to UAV systems or land communication systems. One of its defining characteristics is that almost all of the DTIB companies provide services with dual use configuration, meaning that they can offer products to both the defence and military sphere as well as the civil one.

In such capacity, idD was approached by the Portuguese-Baltic Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCILB) in order to collaborate in the hosting of a Conference on the Baltic countries defence procurement opportunities for Portuguese companies, as well as having the opportunity to host the Baltic country's defence & security companies and their procurement representatives.

The Conference will be hosted at the Polytechnic Institute of Viseu, where the Portuguese-Baltic Chamber of Commerce and Industry is headquartered and amidst one of the most dynamic regions in the country.

idD is delighted to be a part in further exploring cooperation in defence industries with the Baltic countries. Portugal and all three of the Baltic States are both allies in NATO, both a part of the EU and the Schengen Area. Furthermore, Portugal has been an active participant in the NATO Baltic Air Policing Mission, since 2004 and already has contributed its fighters to ensure the safety of the Baltic air space and sovereignty. We believe there is much room to improve and further strengthen our ties in Defence & Security and have much to learn from each other's capabilities and experience.

II. Conference Programme

9h00 – 9h15: Welcome:

His Excellency Dr. Almeida Henriques, Mayor of Viseu

Mr. João Monney Paiva Ph.D., President at Viseu Polytechnic Institute

9h15 – 9h20: Opening Remarks:

Jorge Antas de Barros, President at the Baltic-Portuguese Industrial Chamber of Commerce

José Vilar de Jesus, Head of Coordination Department at idD

Session 1:

9h45 – 10h45 - An overview of the Baltic States' Defence Context & Procurement: the view from Vilnius, Tallinn & Riga

- H.E. The Ambassador of Latvia in Portugal, Mr. Janis Silis

- Mr. Januus Tamm, CEO at Defendec & Member of the Estonian Defense Industry Association

- Col (R) Vaidotas Malinionis – Managing Director at National Defence Foundation

10h45 – 11h00 – Coffee-break

Session 2:

11h00 – 11h45 – The Portuguese Industrial Defence Base: an overview of capabilities & the possibilities of Portuguese-Baltic defense cooperation

- António Figueiredo Lopes – President at Eurodefense Portugal

- José Vilar de Jesus, Head of Coordination Department at idD

12h30 – 13h00 – Q&A Session

13h00 – 13h15

Closing Remarks

The Geopolitical Context of NATO: a view into the Eastern European Border and its Challenges

Mr. Vasco Rato, President at FLAD (Portuguese-American Foundation for Development)