

On Allied Defence Cooperation

The Council of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE) Party convening in Bratislava, Slovakia, on 2-3 December 2022:

Recalls:

- the unprovoked and illegal invasion of Russia on sovereign Ukrainian territory on February 24 of this year causing a war on the European continent;
- that Russia's war of aggression in Ukraine caused a turning point in European thinking about our common security and the protection of our democratic values;
- that Europe is not able to defend its own territory nor deter a grand scale invasion of Russia without external help, which necessitates urgent action on allied defence cooperation.

Calls for:

- the ALDE party and its member organisations to promote strong European military and defence cooperation within the European family to be able to defend our own territory and deter the threat of autocratic regimes that seek to disrupt or overthrow our free and democratic society;
- strong commitment of all member states of the EU, NATO and allied partners for the swift execution of the Strategic Compass and the Strategic Concept;
- a common European defence industry strategy to standardise munition and weapon systems to create greater interoperability in EU and NATO cooperation;
- more regional and cross-border military cooperation between small and big European countries allowing for more specialisation on the basis of geographical location, tradition of warfare or economy;
- smarter spending of European defence budget by reducing the number of different weapon systems on the basis of the common threats analysis of the EU and NATO;
- close military cooperation between EU, NATO and allied countries in the European family that share the same strong principles of democracy, the rule of law and human rights;
- a European wide level playing field for the defence industry and the export of arms.

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