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1. Industry inputs and Commission responses: the Strategic Dialogue with the European Defence Industry¹ aimed to address key objectives such as ensuring long-term visibility on defence procurement plans, simplifying regulatory frameworks, securing access to critical raw materials and components, enhancing financing options for defence enterprises, and tackling talent shortages. Industry representatives expressed the need for increased defence spending, a more integrated European defence market, regulatory simplification, and improved access to finance. There were also calls for supporting innovation and easing export controls. Inputs provided by the industry and by the trade unions have been taken into consideration for relevant initiatives, such as the Defence Readiness Omnibus².
2. Selection of participants: The dialogue included 15 companies, two trade unions, and one defence industry association. Participants were selected based on geographical representation, company size, and their involvement in priority capability domains as outlined in the White Paper for European Defence – Readiness 2030³. This ensured a comprehensive inclusion of both large contractors and small and medium-sized enterprises in strategic discussions.
3. Future dialogues and transparency: although future Strategic Dialogues with the defence industry are not planned at this stage, the Commission is committed to continue ensuring diverse representation from across Europe in any future engagements, maintaining the relevance and focus of discussions.

¹ https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/read_25_1181.

² https://defence-industry-space.ec.europa.eu/eu-defence-industry/defence-readiness-omnibus_en#relevant-links.

³ https://defence-industry-space.ec.europa.eu/eu-defence-industry/introducing-white-paper-european-defence-and-rearm-europe-plan-readiness-2030_en.