

Happy Birthday

The European – Security and Defence Union 2008–2018

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People with vision don't need foresight. They accept that events will always come in the way, yet still hold to a certain *idée fixe*. It is a particular kind of vision that inspired Hartmut Bühl to launch *The European - Security and Defence Union* a decade ago. Hartmut could not have predicted most of the events of the past ten years, but he instinctively knew a simple truth: Europe needed to mature its thinking and outlook on matters of defence and security. It had to grapple with the challenges of a far more complex world where national, multi-national, institutional and technological dynamics blurred traditional boundaries. His vision and challenge to us all is an inspiration for the next ten years.

Dr Christina Balis, Director Services and Products Strategy, Group Strategy & Planning, QuinetIQ, London

In an uncertain world, it is more critical than ever that Europe presents a united front in its security and defence policy, bolstering our contribution to the Atlantic alliance. Hartmut Bühl and *The European – Security and Defence Union* have successfully focussed minds, stimulated debate and driven that agenda for last ten years.

Robert Walter (retired UK MP), President ESDA, London



It is fair to say that in the last ten years, *The European - Security and Defence Union* magazine has brought together a large community of European leaders from both civilian and military sectors, EU institutions, academia and industry. From climate change to migration, from counter-terrorism and CBRN Centres of Excellence to civil protection, the magazine has always paved the way for sound and independent articles, based on well informed interviews and extended networks of information sources. In view of this, I am looking forward to the next decade, I would like to congratulate Mr Bühl and his team for this much appreciated initiative.

Henriette Geiger, Director of Directorate People and Peace in DG-DEVCO, European Commission, Brussels



Hartmut Bühl and his team have succeeded in regularly publishing a high level, independent magazine for 10 years. The magazine truly allows European defence to progress by allowing the most diverse points of view and contributions to confront each other. It was essential. It is remarkable! Happy birthday.

Jean-Dominique Giuliani, President of the Robert Schuman Foundation, Paris-Brussels



Today we are much closer to establishing a true European security and defence union than ten years ago when Hartmut Bühl decided to launch the eponymous journal. His vision is now coming true in the EU along the same conceptual pattern that his magazine follows (and which make it a unique periodical in its own right), i.e. combining open political and strategic debate and expertise with unfettered military advice and innovative input from the industry. I look forward to being both an avid reader of and proud contributor to the magazine in further decades. *Jiri Šedivý, Permanent Representative of the Czech Republic to NATO, Brussels*

A birthday signifies a continuous development. This journal is a reflection of the evolution of the EU, from the community to the global level, in its security context, discussing trends of change and stability that play a constitutive role in the development of its security and defence. *The European – Security and Defence Union* manages to balance an insightful approach that interconnects contemporary issues with long term implications. Europe is on its way to crystallising a single strategic culture in which disagreements, failures and successes – reflected in the diversity of subjects dealt with in this journal - constitute the common historical component necessary for a common security and defence policy.

Dr Rachel Suissa (Ph.D), University of Haifa, Israel



During the past decade, *The European – Security and Defence Union* has turned into the leading magazine for Europe's security and defence community. It is an important forum for readers to find an exchange on current security topics. I am also grateful to this magazine for including topics relevant to the Joint Support and Enabling Service and I wish the editorial staff continued success within the community.

Lt Gen Martin Schelleis, Chief of the German Joint Support Service, Bonn

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