

Chief Executive

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Dear Mr Ewers,

Cooperation between CEPT/ECC and EDA on Radio Spectrum Matters

The European Defence Agency (EDA) has the mission to support the Council and the European Member States in their effort to improve the EU's defence capabilities in the field of crisis management and to sustain the Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) as it stands now and develops in the future.

Access to radio frequencies is considered a key enabler for the development of a wide range of defence capabilities, EDA set up a Project Team on radio spectrum in 2007. Its role, as agreed by the EDA Steering Board, is *'to provide a forum to discuss and exchange national views on radio spectrum (RS) matters with military implications'* as well as *'to define, to the extent possible, coordinated European military radio spectrum views and requirements for military uses'*, without prejudice to the competences of European Member States.

CEPT/ECC is the recognised organisation of governmental bodies in Europe developing common policies and regulations in electronic communications and related applications as well as providing the focal point for information on spectrum use.

EDA is, as you know, interested in fostering dialogue with CEPT/ECC in order to support our Member States in the area of Radio Spectrum.

EDA has already attended some CEPT/ECC meetings at your invitation, for which I am grateful. With the new study period towards WRC-15, and the implementation of the RSPP for the period 2012-2015, there is a number of challenges to be addressed by all stakeholders in radio spectrum management.

In this context, I believe that there is scope for developing our dialogue for the mutual benefit of our two entities and our respective members, by establishing EDA attendance at CEPT/ECC meetings, with observer status.

If you agree, can I suggest that our respective staffs prepare the necessary arrangements for our further consideration?

Yours sincerely


Claude-France Arnould