

Committee on Security and Defence  
The Chair

To the Chairperson(s) of the committee(s) concerned

Dear Chair, dear Colleague,

I would like to cordially invite you, together with a delegation from your committee, to the first ever Inter-Parliamentary Committee Meeting (ICM) organised for Defence Committees of the national Parliaments by the recently established Committee on Security and Defence (SEDE) of the European Parliament. The ICM will take place on **Wednesday, 3 December 2025 (15:00 to 18:30 CET) and Thursday, 4 December 2025 (09:00 to 12:30 CET)**, at the European Parliament in Brussels. In this context, I would be very pleased to welcome up to four Members of the relevant committee(s) from your Parliament (two from each Chamber in the case of bi-cameral Parliaments) to attend this meeting.

This high-level event marks a key step in strengthening parliamentary dialogue on one of the most pressing and strategic challenges facing the European Union today: **the Future of European Defence**. It will bring together Members of the European Parliament, representatives of national parliaments, the Ukrainian parliament and senior officials for a structured and timely exchange on how to shape a common vision for Europe's security and defence architecture at a pivotal moment for European security following Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine.

Over two days we will have the opportunity to reflect on these challenges and, in particular, provide the space for collective European Parliament and National Parliament's scrutiny of new policy and budgetary instruments, including the **Defence Readiness Roadmap-2030**, the Security Action for Europe (**SAFE**) and **Defence Investment Plans** as well as the **complementary roles of the EU and NATO** in the emerging new European defence system.

The event will address the Future of European Defence, organised in 4 panels over the two days, with invitations currently sent to the following high-level speakers:

- **Andrius KUBILIUS**, Commissioner for Defence and Space
- **Charles FRIES**, Deputy-Secretary General of the European External Action Service for the Common Security and Defence Policy
- **Admiral Pierre VANDIER (tbc)**, NATO Supreme Allied Commander Transformation
- **Boris RUGE**, NATO Assistant Secretary General for Political Affairs and Security Policy

Perhaps more than in any other policy area, the role of national parliaments is crucial to the successful strengthening of European Defence and the urgent need to provide the security expected by our citizens. I therefore count on your participation and look forward to your valuable contributions to these important topics.

The final programme and practical details regarding the meeting will be forwarded in due course to the services of your Parliament responsible for relations with the European Parliament.

I look forward to welcoming you to the European Parliament on 3 and 4 December 2025.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marie-Agnes Strack-Zimmermann". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Marie-Agnes STRACK-ZIMMERMANN