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The Minister of National Defence, Mircea Duşa,
and the Vice President of the German Bundestag,
Susanne Kastner

The Minister of National Defence, Mircea Duşa, met with the Vice President of the German Bundestag, Susanne Kastner, at the defence ministry, on Monday, 11 February.

During the talks, the two officials approached topics such as the development of the Romanian-German military bilateral cooperation, the Common Foreign and Security Policy

(CFSP) and the missile defence system in Europe.

The two high officials expressed their satisfaction as to the high level of the Romanian-German political and military dialogue and cooperation, both in the framework of the two countries' partnership and in their capacity as NATO and EU members.

The Romanian official noted that „rendering elements of the missile defence system operational in Romania by 2015 and their integration into NATO's European defence system will be an important step in achieving the initial capability of the system. The fact that our country is involved in the process is a leap in augmenting the national and Euro-Atlantic level of security, while contributing to the consolidation of Romania's profile as a reliable partner and a security provider for all NATO and EU member states“.

As to the Common Foreign and Security Policy, the two officials appreciated that it represents an important vector in the development of this European project that would allow EU member states to manage the security environment at regional and global level.

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The visit of the State Secretary for Defence Policy and Planning to the Kingdom of Norway

The State Secretary for Defence Policy and Planning, Sebastian Huluban, met with State Secretary Eirik Øvre Thorshaug, on Wednesday, 6 February, during his official visit in the Kingdom of Norway.

The agenda of the talks included missile defence, NATO and the two countries' strategy for Afghanistan post 2014, bilateral relations, Norwegian experience and lessons learned from the European Participating Air Forces.

State Secretary Huluban expressed his satisfaction as to the present state and the development perspectives of the bilateral military relations between the two countries.

High level office call



Secretary of State for Defence Policy and Planning, Sebastian Huluban and Secretary General of the Regional Cooperation Council (RCC), Mr. Goran Svilanović

The State Secretary for Defence Policy and Planning, Mr. Sebastian Huluban, met with Mr. Goran Svilanović, Secretary General of the Regional Cooperation Council (RCC), on Monday, 11 February.

During the meeting, State Secretary Huluban noted that the Romanian support for the consolidation of regional cooperation partnerships and formats will continue to be one of our defence policy priorities.

Also, the Romanian State Secretary highlighted the existing interest in increasing stability and security in South-Eastern Europe, all the more so as Romania will take over the chairmanship of two regional cooperation structures, in 2013, namely: South-Eastern Defence Ministerial (SEDM) and the Southeast European Cooperation Process (SEECp).

Project Deveselu Goes On

The idea was endorsed by James N. Miller, Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, during an official telephone conversation with defence minister Mircea Duşa, on Tuesday, 12 February.

The talk was initiated by the US official, as a consequence of Barack Obama State of the Union Address from 12 February, 2013 and had two components: the missile defence system in Europe and the perspectives of Afghanistan missions.

The US official stated that the United States of America will observe its commitments as provided by the agreement signed with Romania on placing the missile defence system at Deveselu. The US official said that the project goes on.

As to the future of the missions in Afghanistan, the Romanian official reiterated Romania's commitments with troops in Afghanistan, saying that, given the importance of the mission for Romania and its Armed Forces, we continue to support the allies.



James N. Miller also said that a decision on the future of the troops in Afghanistan would be taken together with NATO partners, which represents a new stage in the plans of the Washington Administration. The Minister of National Defence, Mircea Duşa, thanked the US forces for the support offered along the years and reassured them of the entire support of the Romanian Armed Forces in all initiated projects.

Romanian official visit to Dublin

A delegation of the Ministry of National Defence headed by the State Secretary for Defence Policy and Planning, Sebastian Huluban, participated in the Informal meeting of EU Defence Ministers taking place in Dublin, over 12-13 February.

The meeting took place against the general background of the preparations for the European Council meeting of December 2013 dedicated to the Common Security and Defence Policy.

The ministers discussed the developing situation in Mali and Sahel region, the impending EU-led training mission in Mali (EUTM Mali), the stage of EUNAVFOR Atalanta and the EU-led training mission in Somalia (EUTM Somalia).

The meeting agenda included talks on EU strategic partnerships with other international and regional organizations such as UN, NATO and African Union, from the perspective of their role and contribution to crises management.

The Informal meeting of EU Defence Ministers was chaired by Mr. Alan Shatter, Minister for Justice, Equality and Defence and takes place during Ireland's Presidency of the Council of the European Union (from 1 January to 30 June, 2013).