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# ROMANIAN MILITARY NEWSLETTER

**Minister of National Defence, Mircea Duşa, Participates in the  
Informal Meeting of EU Ministers of Defence**

## Special points of interests:

- Minister of National Defence, Mircea Duşa, Participates in the Informal Meeting of EU Ministers of Defence
- Bilateral Meeting between the Hellenic and Romanian Ministers of Defence
- Montenegrin Deputy Prime Minister's Visit to the Ministry of National Defence



The Minister of National Defence, Mircea Duşa, at the Informal Meeting of EU Ministers of Defence (photo by ANA-MPA/GR2014.gr/Alexandros Vlahos)

The Minister of National Defence, Mircea Duşa, participated in the Informal Meeting of EU Ministers of Defence held in Athens, on 20 and 21 February. The agenda included talks on the outcome of the European Council of December 2013, EU equipment support given to local or regional armed forces, EU Strategic Partnership, systematic defence cooperation and the actions to be taken by the European Defence Agency after the European Council meeting.

The first day of the event opened with a presentation of the conclusions of the European Council of December 2013, focusing mainly on ways to implement them.

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In this context, the Minister of National Defence, Mircea Duşa, pointed out that the meeting of December 2013 meant a decisive medium and long term consolidation process of the Common Security and Defence Policy.

Mircea Duşa: „2014 is a decisive year for the start of the implementation process of the assigned tasks. Romania is actively involved in meeting the goals of the Common Security and Defence Policy”. Also, Mircea Duşa’s speech conveyed the message that it is important for Romania to consolidate partnerships with third parties and the European maritime strategy that deals equally with all maritime basins.

The Minister of National Defence restated our country’s support to continue the missions in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Mali and Somalia. In this respect, Mircea Duşa declared that „we pledge ourselves to contribute to these missions and to render operational our defence contribution to EU strategies and policies for the development of partner countries’ capabilities”.

This was the first high level meeting organized under the Greek Presidency of the Council of the European Union in the framework of the implementation process of the conclusions of EC/CSDP 2013.

### **Bilateral Meeting between the Hellenic and Romanian Ministers of Defence**

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The meeting took place in Athens, on Friday, 21 February, during the Informal Meeting of EU Ministers of Defence. Minister Mircea Duşa availed himself of the opportunity to wish his Hellenic counterpart, Dimitris Avramopoulos, success in exercising the Hellenic Presidency of the EU Council and thanked him for organizing the informal meeting.

One of the themes approached was intensifying bilateral defence cooperation, when the Romanian defence minister reiterated the idea of exploring new cooperation fields that would be helpful in solving some of the NATO and EU requirements, including the field of the joint development of military capabilities.

„We consider that the cooperation between our countries within SEECP and SEDM is important”, Mircea Duşa pointed out during the meeting.

At the end of the talks, Minister Duşa invited the Hellenic minister to participate in the events that will be organized in Bucharest in celebration of the 10 years since Romania joined NATO. In turn, the Hellenic defence minister invited his Romanian counterpart to make an official visit in Greece.



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## Montenegrin Deputy Prime Minister's Visit to the Ministry of National Defence

The Minister of National Defence, Mircea Duşa, met on Monday, 17 February, with Igor Luksić, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Integration of Montenegro, who makes an official visit in Romania.

The meeting agenda included talks on regional cooperation and focused on military bilateral cooperation. The two officials also discussed the new NATO posture following the end of ISAF mission in Afghanistan.

Mircea Duşa talked of our willingness to intensify the political and military dialogue of the two countries and appreciated the Montenegrin constructive approach to the development of projects within the South Eastern Defence Ministerial (SEDM), whose chairmanship was taken over by Romania in 2013, together with that of SEECAP. The Romanian minister said that Romania and Montenegro have similar positions as to the future of SEDM, with a focus on quality, efficiency and pragmatism in developing the projects of this initiative.

„We appreciate Montenegro's reforms on its way to Euro Atlantic integration and its constant contribution to ISAF, to NATO-led operations as well as its availability to contribute to post-ISAF training, advising and assisting mission”, minister Duşa declared, further emphasizing that Romania endorses Montenegro's aspirations to European and Euro Atlantic integration.



Photo of the visit