MAIN MISSION

... to support the Council and the Member States in their effort to improve the Union's defence capabilities in the field of crisis management and to sustain the CSDP*

* Council decision 2015/1835 of 12 October 2015 on statute, seat and operational rules of the EDA
REINFORCED MISSION

In May 2017, after EDA’s LONG TERM REVIEW, Defence ministers agreed to reinforce the Agency’s role and mission

- as the **main instrument** for intergovernmental capability planning & prioritisation in Europe
- as the **prime forum and coordinator** for the whole lifecycle of capability development
- as Member States’ **central interface & gateway** towards EU institutions & stakeholders
EDA FACTS

- Intergovernmental Agency
- Agency of the Council of the EU to which it reports and from which it receives guideline
- The only EU Agency whose Steering Board meets at ministerial level

27 Member States
(all EU members except Denmark)
Administrative Arrangements with Norway, Serbia, Switzerland and Ukraine
EDA FIGURES

EDA Portfolio: ca. 300 activities
- 110 Ad hoc capability and R&T projects
- 162 EDA operational Budget projects
- 45 General support activities projects

Budget 2018
EDA’s budget consists of the general budget, the budgets associated with ad hoc projects or programmes and budgets resulting from additional revenue

Total budget of 93.6 million Euro for 2018
- General budget €33 Mio
- Ad – hoc budget € 19.3 Mio
- Additional Revenue € 41.3 Mio (Member States additional contributions to specific ad hoc project or EC delegated budgets - e.g. Preparatory Action on Defence Research)

Value of projects up to 2018 run within EDA: approx. €1 billion
EDA looks at the entire lifecycle of a capability.
AUDIT PROVISIONS AND CHALLENGES
CHALLENGES FOR AUDITING EDA ACTIVITIES AND OPERATIONS

- Defence sector specificities - long development cycle of the projects; defence cooperation specificities, specificities in procurement - linked to Defence Procurement Directive;
- Diversity of EDA activities and vast portfolio of projects;
- Diversity of EDA stakeholders - participating Member states, EU institutions and Agencies, EEAS, NATO, partner organisations and countries, etc.
- Projects in different domains - R&T, Capabilities, etc.
- Horizontal major tasks - CDP, CARD, PESCO
- EDA to ensure flexibility, expertise, cost-efficiency of operations
Thank you for your attention!