



# European Defence Agency

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# Background

# Common Security and Defence Policy

**Launch of the ESDP in 2000 with a focus on Crisis Management Operations, building on military and civilian capabilities**

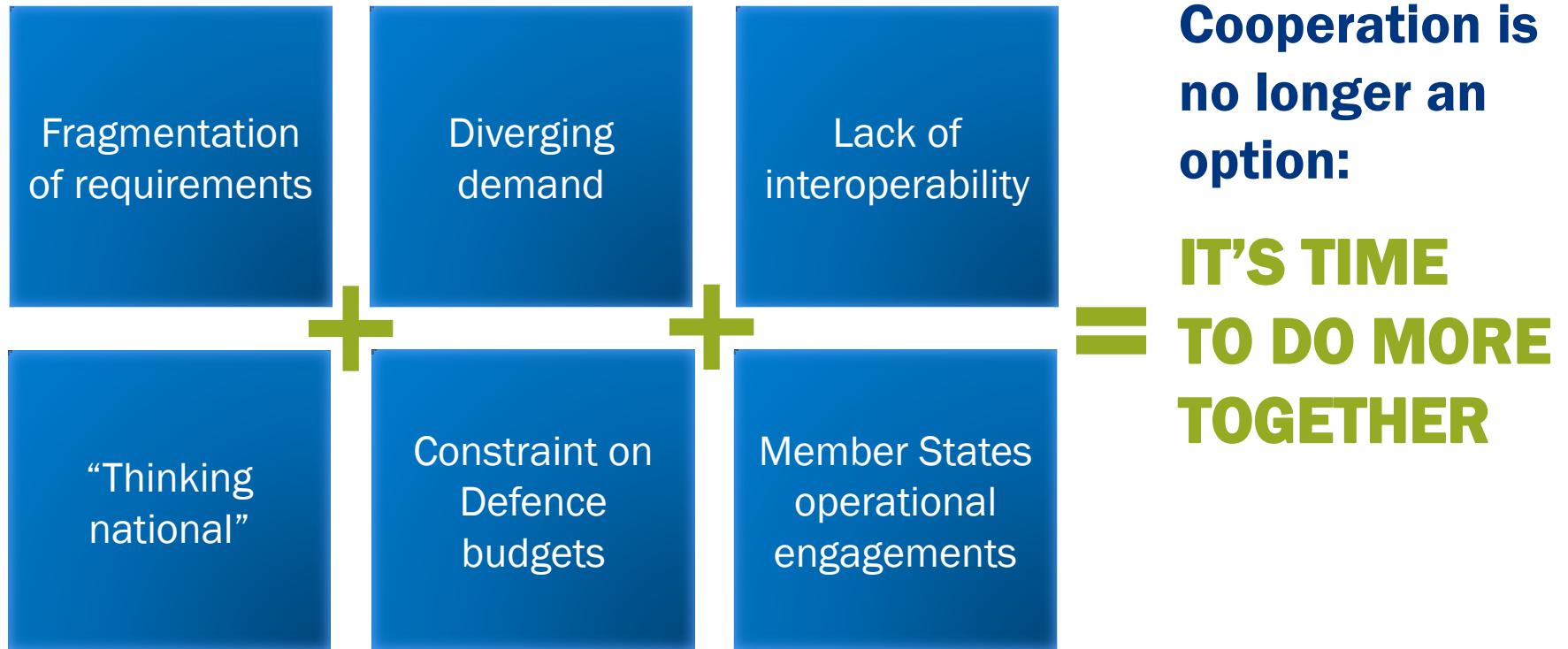
- Over 20 operations/missions conducted since 2003
- Need for Capability Improvement has been the key driver since the creation of the Agency

**LISBON TREATY:**  
Comprehensive approach

**Provisions on the Common Security and Defence Policy (Article 42 TEU):**

- Member States shall make civilian and military capabilities available to the Union for the implementation of the common security and defence policy
- Member States shall undertake to progressively improve their military capabilities

# Genesis and rationale







# EDA at a glance

# A catalyst: from Member States to Member States



## “The place to go”

### for European Defence Capabilities & Cooperation

- Improving Europe’s defence performance
- The only one whose Steering Board meets at the level of Defence Ministers
- Structure totally unique
- Flexibility = tool at service of Member States
- Head of the Agency = Catherine Ashton
- Chief Executive = Claude-France Arnould
- 26 Member States (all EU except Denmark) + Norway & Switzerland
- ~120 staff membres



# What we do?



# Mission



**... to support  
the Council and the Member  
States in their effort to improve  
the European Union's defence  
capabilities for the Common  
Security and Defence Policy.**

# A catalyst: from Member States to Member States





# EDA Involvement in Aviation Safety Issues





# Airworthiness



# EDA Political Decisions



- April 2008- National Armaments Steering Board (SB) tasked EDA to prepare for the creation of an EU-wide forum for Military Airworthiness Authorities (MAWA)
- Nov 2008-EDA Steering Board (SB) decision of MODs to establish the MAWA Forum with a view to developing an EU-wide regulatory framework
  - The SB also approved a high level Military Road Map identifying the main objectives for European military airworthiness harmonisation
- Nov 2009-Defence Ministers' Political Declaration for the timely development and early implementation of the harmonised European Military Airworthiness Requirements (EMARs) into national regulations.

# The MAWA Roadmap Objectives

Common Regulatory Framework

Common Certification Processes

Common Approach to Organisational  
Approvals

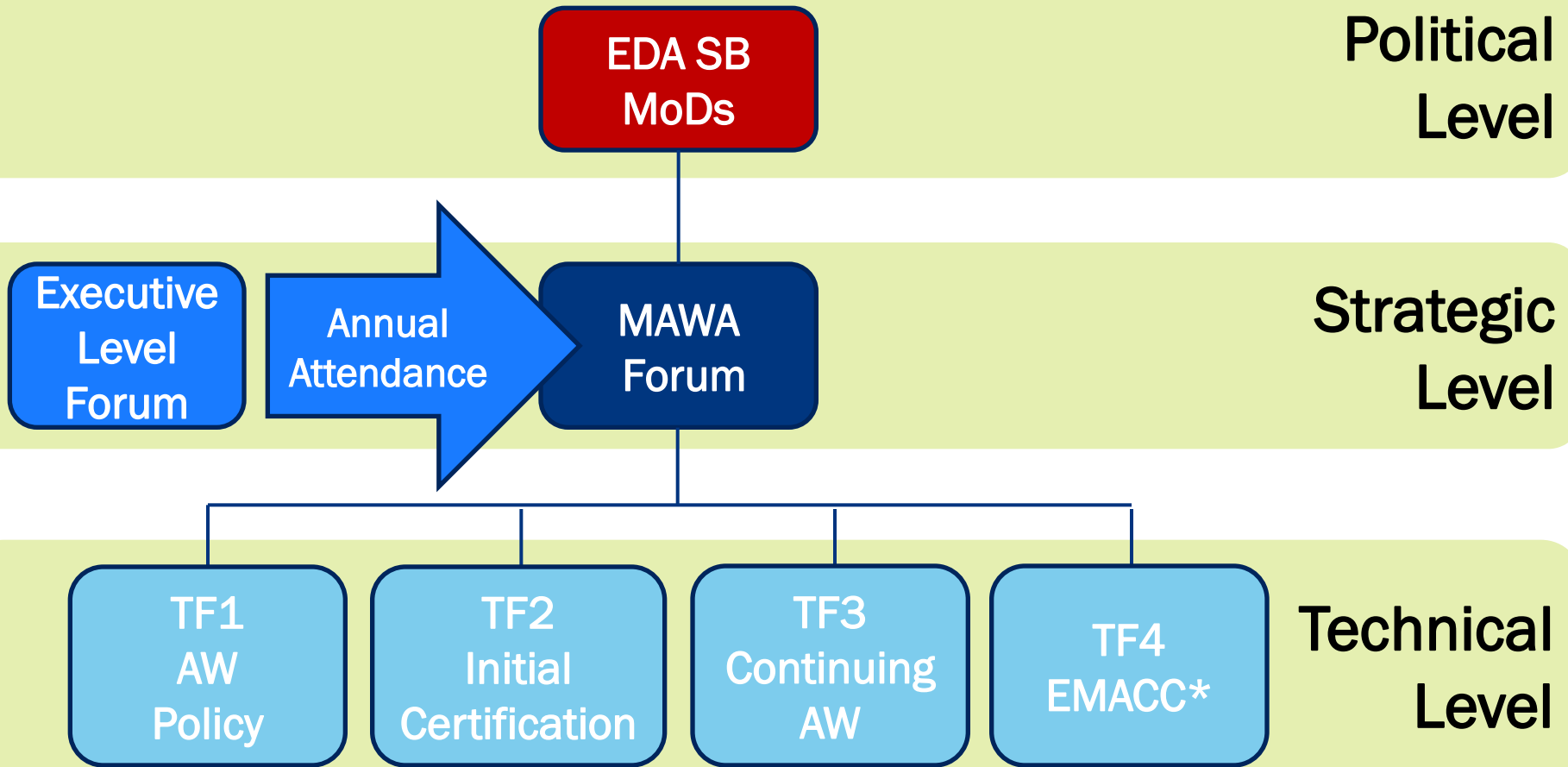
Common Certification/Design Codes

Common Approach to Preservation of  
Airworthiness

Arrangements for Mutual Recognition

Formation of a European Military Joint  
Airworthiness Authorities Organisation

# MAWA Structure



\*European Military Airworthiness Certification Criteria

# MAWA Forum approach



- MAWA Forum is made up of representatives from National Military Airworthiness Authorities (or equivalent)
- MAWA Forum has the mandate, responsibility and authority to develop the harmonised European Military Airworthiness processes necessary to achieve the Roadmap objectives
- Additionally, to meet the Roadmap objectives, common European Military Airworthiness Requirements (EMARs) must be developed



# MAWA Next Steps



- EMAR Implementation => Nations
  - Individual Nations must implement the European Military Airworthiness Requirements EMARs into their sovereign national airworthiness regulations to fully realize their associated benefits, noting the ministerial political declaration made in Nov 2009.
  - EMAR compliance declaration process has yet to be agreed
- Recognition Activities => Nations
  - Recognition is the key to unlocking the benefits of the EMARs.
  - Identification of 3 discrete phases within the Recognition cycle:
    - Initial Recognition Phase
    - Recognition Review Phase
    - Realisation of Benefits Phase.



# Further Aviation Safety Issues

# Aviation Safety Items in EDA



- Observer status in Regulatory Advisory Group (RAG) and Thematic Advisory Groups (TAGs) for state aviation matters
- Implications of SES/SESAR on military aviation
  - Identification of operational risks
  - Cost assessment
  - Military views on and role in the deployment
    - In consultation with Member States
    - In coordination with NATO and EUROCONTROL staff
- UAS Air Traffic Insertion Standards
- Flight Crew Training



**Thank you for your attention!**