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## NATO Watch Editorials:

### Why is NATO's top general always an American?

#### (And why does this not raise eyebrows in European NATO or the media?)

Do you remember the furore in April over the [appointment of the head of the World Bank](#)? In the past, the US nominee for the presidency was automatically accepted by the bank's Board of Directors. But this time around, newly empowered emerging economies and poorer countries had the temerity to question this tacit post World War II agreement that saw the US always choose the World Bank head while Europe supplied the leader of the International Monetary Fund. The calls for a more open process based on merit were loud and clear, and although a Korean-American medical doctor, Jim Yong Kim, eventually secured the post, there is at least now a semblance of an international selection process.

Fast forward to this month in Brussels and the decision by the [North Atlantic Council \(NAC\)](#) to approve the new [Supreme Allied Commander Europe \(SACEUR\)](#). To spare you from having to follow the links in order to decode the acronyms, the NAC is NATO's equivalent of a board of directors, while SACEUR is NATO's single-most important military post. SACEUR was established in 1951 with General Dwight Eisenhower as its first incumbent. All sixteen subsequent holders of the office have been Americans (see Table 1) and simultaneously held the office of head of the US European Command. The latest SACEUR, General John Allen, currently the commander of the NATO-led ISAF mission in Afghanistan, continues this 'tradition' of being nominated by the US President, confirmed by the US Senate and approved by the NAC.

In a [statement](#), NATO Secretary General Anders Fogh Rasmussen said, "It is a great pleasure for me to announce today that Allies have approved the appointment of General John Allen, currently our commander in Afghanistan, as the new Supreme Allied Commander in Europe, following the nomination by President Obama *and of course* [emphasis added] pending confirmation by the United States Senate".

Am I the only person to think that parliamentarians in other member states might like to have a voice in this decision-making process or that NATO perhaps might wish to look beyond the Pentagon's octagonal walls for its Supreme Commander?

The retort from Washington would no doubt be that we lead you politically, we put our troops in harm's way more than anybody else and we foot the bill when you guys won't cough up your share.....why should it be any different? The picture is not quite as black and white as this, however. During the first five years of the war, in Afghanistan, for example, the vast majority of [coalition deaths](#) were American, but since 2006 a significant proportion have been among other nations, particularly the UK and Canada, which were allocated responsibility for the dangerous provinces of Helmand and Kandahar, respectively.

Table 1: SACEUR: 1951 to Date

Name	Branch	Term Began	Term Ended
1. General Dwight D. Eisenhower	US Army	April 2, 1951	May 30, 1952
2. General Matthew Ridgway	US Army	May 30, 1952	July 11, 1953
3. General Alfred Gruenther	US Army	July 11, 1953	November 20, 1956
4. General Lauris Norstad	US Air Force	November 20, 1956	January 1, 1963
5. General Lyman Lemnitzer	US Army	January 1, 1963	July 1, 1969
6. General Andrew Goodpaster	US Army	July 1, 1969	December 15, 1974
7. General Alexander M. Haig, Jr.	US Army	December 15, 1974	July 1, 1979
8. General Bernard W. Rogers	US Army	July 1, 1979	June 26, 1987
9. General John Galvin	US Army	June 26, 1987	June 23, 1992
10. General John Shalikashvili	US Army	June 23, 1992	October 22, 1993
11. General George Joulwan	US Army	October 22, 1993	July 11, 1997
12. General Wesley Clark	US Army	July 11, 1997	May 3, 2000
13. General Joseph Ralston	US Air Force	May 3, 2000	January 17, 2003
14. General James L. Jones	US Marine Corps	January 17, 2003	December 7, 2006
15. General Bantz J. Craddock	US Army	December 7, 2006	July 2, 2009
16. Admiral James G. Stavridis	US Navy	July 2, 2009	Spring 2013
17. General John Allen	US Marine Corps	Spring 2013	

There are also major differences between how Europe and the US see threats and how to respond to them, which are at the root of why the official US defence budget is nearly \$700bn—although Washington's [national security spend](#) is probably closer to \$1,200bn—whereas the combined military spending of all 26 European NATO members is just above \$220bn. The latter is still a very large sum of money and far more than either Russia or China spends on defence.

But it is a [misrepresentation of both the NATO budgeting process and the nature and scope of US defence spending](#), to suggest that Europe is

being protected at American taxpayers' expense. Large parts of the US military budget—which is now stabilising at levels significantly above cold war peaks (adjusted for inflation) and far above the cold war average, in real terms—have nothing whatsoever to do with NATO or European security. Within Europe, NATO is seen by most, if not all, of its member states as the cornerstone of their defence policies, whereas in the US it is but one of several regional building blocks for a global military presence. So while Americans do pick up a disproportionate share of the NATO tab, does this justify automatic and permanent US military leadership?

Clearly, the US is also hyper-sensitive to [placing its military forces under foreign command](#). Current US military doctrine is that, while its forces may be placed under foreign command, they are never placed under foreign operational control – although this been done previously by at least four US presidents.

The bottom line for 'realists' is that if the US didn't have the command, they would lose interest, and European elites would lose their main reason for supporting NATO, which is to keep close to the global superpower and retain a US military footprint in Europe as a deterrent to Russia. In which case, why all the pretence that the alliance is about shared democratic values, partnership building and consensus decision-making?

### **Secretary General offers industry maximum transparency in NATO Smart Defence planning but what about parliamentary and public scrutiny?**

[Speaking by video teleconference](#) NATO Secretary General Anders Fogh Rasmussen addressed the [NATO Industry Day 2012](#) Conference in Riga, Latvia on 15 October. He said:

*We are going through the worst financial crisis in living memory. Governments continue to face tough decisions to get their economies back in order. Across our Alliance today, defence budgets are under severe pressure. I have warned – and I will continue to warn -- against cuts that are too large and disproportionate. Without security there can be no prosperity.*

He might have equally warned about cuts that are too small and inconsequential (as remains the case in [the largest NATO defence economy](#) – see above)

and that without prosperity there can be no security. Of course, he didn't because that narrative goes against the grain in Washington. Referring to the most recent [NATO Defence Ministerial](#), he said there was broad agreement to 'hold the line' on defence spending and to prioritise national expenditure alongside expenditure committed to NATO.

Mr Rasmussen argued that lessons learned from the ISAF mission can help build the foundation for strong, flexible and deployable NATO forces – “forces that are well equipped, well trained, and well connected. This is the goal we set ourselves with NATO Forces 2020”. Again, others have [drawn different lessons](#) from the eleven-year war in Afghanistan, which is increasingly seen as a strategic failure.

The Secretary General promoted 'Smart Defence' with “Allies working together to deliver capabilities that would be too expensive for any of them to deliver alone”. He added that: “So far, industry appears to have been rather sceptical of Smart Defence. There are worries that it will lead to fewer and smaller contracts”.

He told his audience that there is no alternative, other than having no contracts at all and called for more logistical and communications cooperation, as well as greater collaboration in equipment development and procurement. Smart Defence is as an opportunity for industry on both sides of the Atlantic, he said:

*We want to make it easier for governments and industry to work together from the early stages of capability projects. And we want to give industry maximum transparency throughout our NATO Defence Planning Process.*

According to the Secretary General, greater transparency will provide industry with the opportunity to come together to propose multinational solutions, instead of individual solutions. He also welcomes unsolicited proposals coming from industry outside the traditional contract process. Recognising that this could create concerns about industrial confidentiality, he proposed a 'code of conduct' to handle such proposals and added that participating nations would retain full control on their acquisition strategy.

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Finally, Mr Rasmussen



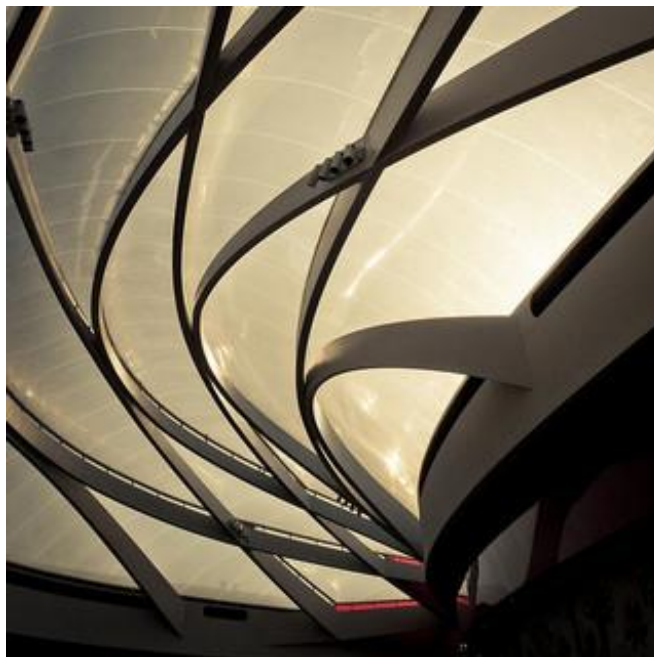
encouraged greater participation by small and medium-sized enterprises, in particular in NATO countries with a limited defence industrial capability and suggested that “NATO could help by offering certain incentives”.

Some of those incentives, or business opportunities, were picked up by *Defense News* the following week: “The NATO Communications and Information (NCI) Agency has announced 2.1 billion euros (\$2.7 billion) of potential business opportunities in the area of C4ISR and communication capabilities to support NATO missions and operations”. The *NATO Communications and Information Agency* webpage states: “In order to better provide these products and services to our customers and facilitate our interaction with our suppliers we have developed contractual arrangements with suppliers from all 28 NATO Nations”.

NCI Agency General Manager, Koen Gijssbers, told *Defense News*: “We are also seeing interest from industry in NATO applications and capabilities that, in the spirit of the Secretary General’s Smart Defence and Connected Forces initiatives, can be reused by nations for their national purposes”.

NATO is expecting to take tenders early next year on contracts for ballistic missile defence, air defence radars for surveillance and identification, passive electronic support measure trackers for surveillance and identification, satellites, software, servers and specialised hardware for logistics functional services and assets for countering terrorist attacks and IEDs.

In the interests of “maximum transparency”, will details of the agreed contracts be available on the NCI Agency webpage? And is there scope for prior scrutiny of such contracts by national parliamentary mechanisms before they are set in stone? Transparency and accountability ought to be a two-way street involving public and parliamentary oversight and not just limited to easing the path for contractors.



(an interlaced future – photo credit: Gilderic Photography/flickr)

## **Review:** **Foreign and defence policy implications of the Final Report of the Future of Europe Group**

### **Summary**

The eleven foreign ministers of Austria, Belgium, Denmark, France, Italy, Germany, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal and Spain published the *Final Report of the Future of Europe Group* in September 2012 as “a response to the ever accelerating process of globalization [which] pose an unprecedented dual challenge for Europe. ... We have to take action to restore confidence in our joint project”. With regard to collective foreign and defence policy, they conclude that:

*The EU also needs to fundamentally reinforce the Common Security and Defence Policy and shape relations with strategic partners more effectively. In the long term, we should seek more majority decisions in the CFSP sphere, joint representation in international organizations, where possible, and a European defence policy. For some members of the Group this could eventually involve a European army.*

### **In Detail**

The ministers believe that they have to enhance the coherence of the EU’s external action and it has to act more united in international organizations; e.g. by delivering CFSP statements on behalf of the EU. They set out their objectives thus:

- *There is a need to strengthen the Common Security and Defence Policy. Our defence policy should have more ambitious goals which go beyond “pooling and sharing”. The possibilities of the Lisbon Treaty, in particular the establishment of Permanent Structured Cooperation should be implemented.*
- *We have to make our relations with our strategic partners more effective. The High Representative has a leading role to play here; she should be supported by Member States.*
- *We must improve the setting of priorities in the sphere of external relations. We have to improve how the Foreign Affairs Council works. On the basis of a six-monthly agenda planning, we have to make our consultations more strategic and focused. We*

*need more informal meetings in the Gymnich format and better interaction with the European Council; one meeting per year should focus on external relations policy with the participation of the Foreign Ministers. We should consider reviewing the European Security Strategy.*

To make the EU into a real actor on the global scene they believe, in the long term, it should:

- *Introduce more majority decisions in the CFSP sphere or at least prevent one single member state from being able to obstruct initiatives (and in this framework also further develop the concept of constructive abstention);*
- *Seek, where possible, joint representation in international organizations; and*
- *Aim for a European Defence Policy with joint efforts regarding the defence industry (e.g. the creation of a single market for armament projects); for some members of the Group this could eventually involve a European army.*

### Opponents and sceptics

In his [Telegraph blog](#), Nile Gardiner (a Washington-based foreign affairs analyst and political commentator) states that the final report of the Future of Europe Group should be a wake-up call to both London and Washington as it “offers a blueprint for a federal European superstate”. He believes that the foreign ministers’ support for the establishment of a ‘European Army’ is their most dangerous recommendation, “a concept that both Britain and the United States have strongly opposed in the past, and which threatens the future of the NATO alliance”.

US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright warned in 1998 against what she called “the three Ds: decoupling, duplication and discrimination”. Gardiner says that the report, if implemented would undermine the transatlantic alliance in all three areas and it is “an illusion to think that NATO and a European Army could co-exist in an effective fashion”. He called on the United States and Great Britain to firmly oppose it and refuse any cooperation with the development of an independent EU defence identity.

### Writing about the failed EADS-BAE merger talks,

[PublicServiceEurope.com](#) editor Dean Carroll writes that the CFSP’s collective military doctrine is “not much more than a fudge whereby ministerial meetings are held and the end result is simply vague speculation about future collaboration. Certainly, a collective European army remains nothing more than notional”.



(live-fire training demonstration during the 4th Annual Conference of European Armies for Noncommissioned Officers – photo credit: heraldpost/ flickr)

So, with no corporate-led defence industrial ‘big bang’, what are the prospects for political-led European defence and security consolidation? Political calls for Europe to

He claims that pronouncements of increased military ‘pooling and sharing’ from the European Defence Agency “continue to ring hollow” and plans to build a ‘single operational headquarters’ for European defence are still in their infancy. The idea that the EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy will “lance the boil on EU defence, by advocating a downgrade of national sovereignty in favour of military collectivism, seems fanciful”. Carroll does conclude, however, that if large-scale private sector mergers do occur, “a whole new landscape may yet emerge”.

### NATO Watch conclusion

In an earlier [NATO Watch comment](#) we asked whether the proposed merger between BAE Systems, the ‘UK’s defence champion’, and EADS, Europe’s biggest civil aerospace group, was the holy grail of smart defence or another non-flying circus. We now know the answer. The deal’s collapse was hardly a surprise, however, with two difficult companies and three governments involved.

Government officials in London, Paris and Berlin blamed each other for not backing the €36bn BAE-EADS tie-up. France, which controlled 15% of EADS directly, apparently disapproved of German demands for the business to be headquartered in Munich, while Germany was seemingly unhappy with France potentially ending up with a bigger shareholding than the 9% it was looking for. The UK, in turn, rejected the notion of German and French political representatives sitting on the BAE board, as would have been likely under the dual-listed structure envisaged by both companies.

The failure of the deal leaves BAE particularly vulnerable in an era of shrinking defence budgets. With no Plan B it is little surprise to see [the company return to its traditional export-led strategy in the Middle East](#), with a British Prime Minister once again acting as the company’s chief salesman. As usual, highly subsidised UK defence manufacturing jobs trump human rights and democracy concerns in key Gulf markets.

step up to the plate on defence – both in terms of deploying on operations and boosting capabilities – have been coming thick and fast in recent years, especially from an increasingly disgruntled Washington. Some genuine efforts are being made to pool resources and overcome duplication. Britain and France, for example, have for two years been pushing bilateral co-operation in procurement. NATO Secretary General Anders Fogh Rasmussen is promoting his ‘Smart Defence’ vision, aimed at getting European members to join forces to boost niche capabilities. Groups of European states, such as the Nordic countries and Visegrád Four, have made big strides in deepening military co-operation.

This Future of Europe Group report adds very little in the way of new thinking, however. Despite the eleven foreign ministers, representing a sizeable chunk of both EU and NATO members (with only Austria lying outside of the latter), the key noticeable absentee is Britain. It is hard not to conclude that the ministers’ call for more majority decision-making in European CFSP affairs to

“prevent one single member state from being able to obstruct initiatives” is anything other than a clear nod to the UK’s tendency to look towards America first. But while the long history of narrowly Anglo-Saxon attitudes in British commerce and politics remains a key stumbling block to greater European foreign and security consolidation, London is by no means the only culprit.

Intra-European and especially Franco-German relations are already difficult on the big issues, notably management of the Eurozone crisis, and differing national foreign, security and trade policy interests within Europe more generally remain considerable obstacles to change. This political and ideological heterogeneity has deep historical roots and many member states (whether wearing their EU or NATO hats) are often reluctant to yield sovereignty in this area. This suggests that European leaders do not want to reverse the continent’s decline as a global security player.

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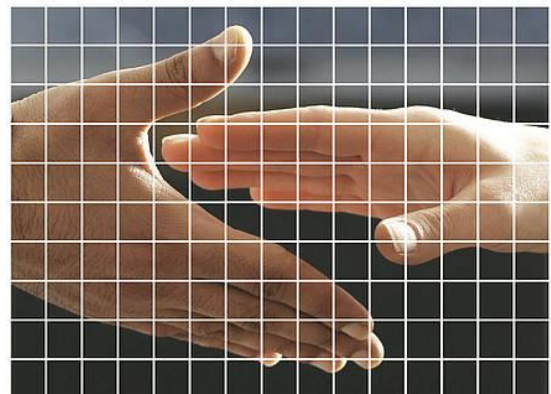
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[Turkey to request Patriot deployment from NATO](#), *Hürriyet Daily News*, 2 November - Ankara plans to request NATO deploy a Patriot missile defence system in its territories in case of escalation of the scale of attacks against Turkey by the al-Assad regime. A senior Turkish diplomat says Turkey and NATO have been working on contingency plans

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[Turkey must beware the Syrian quagmire](#), Mohammed Ayoob, *The Guardian*, 4 October - Ankara risks being drawn into a conflict from which, unlike Saudi Arabia and the US, it cannot escape

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[Call to deploy both new aircraft carriers](#), *Financial Times*, 1 November - Philip Hammond, defence secretary, has strongly backed suggestions that the UK should operate both of its new aircraft carriers at the end of this decade, arguing that there would be "relatively modest" additional costs

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