



Dr Rolf Wirtz
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Panel B4

**European Naval Cooperation – how to shape
European Navies for tomorrow?**

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After the takeover of ATLAS ELEKTRONIK GmbH by thyssenkrupp AG in 2017 Rolf Wirtz has been appointed as CEO and Chairman of the executive board of thyssenkrupp Marine Systems, a global leader in marine systems such as submarines, military surface vessels and naval electronic systems.

From January 2016 to May 2017, Rolf Wirtz was Chief Executive Officer of the naval electronics systems provider ATLAS ELEKTRONIK.

In January 2014, he took over the business area of Defence Electronics within Airbus Defence & Space as Head of Sensors, EW and Avionics.

Before, Rolf Wirtz had been the Head of the Business Line Mission Avionics, EADS / CASSIDIAN.

From 2009 to 2011, Rolf Wirtz was the Chief Technical Officer of the EADS Defence & Security Division (European Aeronautic Defence and Space Company).

Before, he held the position of Senior Vice President Operations and Member of the Board Military Air Systems within EADS, responsible for engineering, production, the system support centers for Tornado and Eurofighter and technology management.

Advance joining EADS, Rolf Wirtz belonged to the management of an international consulting firm. During this time he was working for different enterprises as well as governments within Europe and the United States with a main focus on aeronautics, space and technology.

Prior to that, Rolf Wirtz worked as assistant lecturer at the University of the German armed forces in Munich where he studied aeronautics and space technology and carried out his research assignment and prepared for his doctorate in a/c design. Rolf Wirtz received his PhD from the university in Stuttgart.

Rolf Wirtz was active as an officer within the German Air Force for more than ten years.