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Panel B3

Capability Development – how to harmonize the efforts in the EU, in NATO and in the Nations?

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Graham Evans served for 35 years as a Warfare Officer in the United Kingdom Royal Navy. After initial training and obtaining a degree in Mechanical Engineering, he served as a bridge watchkeeper on the aircraft carrier HMS HERMES during the Falklands War. Subsequent ships included: the Hong Kong Patrol Craft HMS PEACOCK; the frigates HMS MINERVA and HMS COVENTRY and latterly the aircraft carrier HMS INVINCIBLE. Service at sea was followed by time ashore on the staff of the UK School of Maritime Operations and at the UK Maritime Warfare Centre. He then served overseas on the staff of Allied Forces Southern Europe at Naples, Italy as the Balkans Operations Officer and then at NATO's Joint Headquarters North East in Karup, Denmark. He was Operations Officer and then head of Force Generation at the Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe, Mons, Belgium. In 2007 he became a defence planning officer at Allied Command Transformation (ACT) in Mons Belgium. During this period he also gained a Masters in Business Administration from Cranfield University. His final job in the Royal Navy was with the International Military Staff at NATO HQ in Brussels as a defence, requirements and resource planning officer. In 2012, he joined the NATO HQ International Staff Defence Policy and Planning Division, initially in the policy division, then subsequently as the NATO defence planning coordinator, and rapporteur for 14 Allies. Since January 2017, he has held the position of Deputy Director of the Defence Planning Directorate and also Head of the Defence Planning Section. Since 2014 he has had the responsibility for the oversight and monitoring of Allies burden sharing efforts. He is married with two grown-up children.