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Panel A5

**European Naval Cooperation – prerequisite for
(collective) maritime security in the Mediterranean
and Black Sea**

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Since 2017, Dr. Rolf Wirtz has been Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Chairman of the Executive Board of thyssenkrupp Marine Systems, one of the world's leading naval defence companies operating as a systems provider in submarine and surface shipbuilding as well as maritime electronics and security technology. Previously, Rolf Wirtz was CEO of ATLAS ELEKTRONIK from 2016 to 2017, a leading maritime electronics company which was acquired in 2017 by thyssenkrupp marine systems.

From the beginning of 2014 until the end of 2015, he headed the Sensors, Electronic Warfare and Avionics business unit of Airbus Defense & Space, which just had been formed from the EADS divisions Airbus Military, Astrium and Cassidian. After managing the Mission Avionics business of the business unit Defense Electronics at Cassidian, Rolf Wirtz headed the company's Mission Air Systems business unit from 2012.

At the former EADS Group, Rolf Wirtz was Chief Technical Officer of the EADS Defense & Security division (later Cassidian) from 2009 to 2011 and previously Senior Vice President Operations and Member of the Board of Military Air Systems at EADS, where he was responsible for development, production, technology management as well as the system support center for the Tornado and Eurofighter.

Prior to joining EADS, Rolf Wirtz was a Member of the Executive Board of an international consulting firm. There he advised numerous companies and government agencies in Europe and the United States of America with a focus on aerospace and defence.

He completed his studies of aerospace engineering at the Bundeswehr University Munich, where he subsequently researched in the field of aircraft construction in the context of his dissertation. His doctorate to Dr.-Ing. received Rolf Wirtz from the University of Stuttgart.

Rolf Wirtz was an officer and soldier in the German Luftwaffe for more than 10 years.