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Alain Montalvão Lantoiné (OP) – *Metamorphosis of border-security in the European Union in 2013 – consequences and expectations for the Iberian Peninsula*

Cristiana Silva (ISCSP / OP) – *International cooperation for cyber security – The case of Portugal*

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Abstract

Portugal is a founding member of NATO and also a member of the WEU and the European Union. Considering the current challenges the Defense sector is facing due to, on the one hand, the growing conflict potential and, on the other hand, the budget constraints the western world is dealing with, European Western countries need to consider security and defense as part of a modern, complex and integrated vision of “classic” concepts as a way to assure a proper answer to its national and international responsibilities. A modern security and defense national strategy cooperation concept must be developed even under budgetary adverse conditions, taking into account the high development performance expectation, as well as a smart reform strategy anchored in the already known and defensible premise of smart defense in multiple domains. The complexity of the challenge justifies the possibility of considering a multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary methodology as well as multiple analytical perspectives.