

Navigating the New Era of European Defence: The Polish Market - Latest Trends and Market Potential

28 April
13:00 - 15:20

KDIA office,
Seoul

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INVITATION

The Korea Defense Industry Association (KDIA) and Domański Zakrzewski Palinka (DZP), one of Poland's leading independent law firms, are pleased to invite Korean defence and technology companies to a **dedicated seminar on the rapidly evolving European defence landscape**, with a particular focus on Poland - one of the most dynamic and strategically significant markets in the EU.

As Europe transitions from emergency procurement to long-term structural reforms under the "ReArm Europe" initiative, the EU is taking concrete steps to build a unified European Defence Technological and Industrial Base (EDTIB). These changes open new opportunities for global suppliers, including Korean companies seeking to strengthen their presence in Europe.

During the seminar, DZP's experts will provide practical insights into:

The EU's new strategic architecture for defence and the implications of the ReArm Europe plan.

Key financing instruments such as SAFE and EDIP, including mechanisms supporting joint procurement by EU Member States.

Market-entry considerations for non EU suppliers, including Europeanisation/localisation requirements.

Effective strategies for establishing a sustainable presence in Europe, from creating subsidiaries to technology transfers and joint ventures.

Current developments and investment opportunities in the Polish defence sector: from industrial programmes and infrastructure projects to innovation, start ups and dual use technologies.

Europe's new Industrial Accelerator Act and its role in the reindustrialisation of the defence sector.

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Agenda

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Welcome remarks by KDIA and DZP

Presentation of the agenda and an outline of key matters.

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Seminar on the European & Polish defence market by DZP

Opportunities for Korean suppliers in the evolving EU defence landscape (ReArm Europe, SAFE, EDIP), market-entry and localisation requirements, cooperation models (subsidiaries, tech transfer, JVs), and current developments shaping Poland's rapidly growing defence sector.

14:25 - 14:40

Q&A session and closing remarks by KDIA and DZP

14:40 - 15:20

Networking session

About DZP

DZP is one of Poland's largest independent law firms, with nearly 180 experts advising across 11 practices and 40 specialisations. For over 30 years, we have supported Polish and international clients in complex cross-border matters, leveraging a global network spanning over 90 countries. DZP's Korean Desk provides comprehensive legal and tax support to Korean businesses investing in Poland and Europe, combining deep local expertise with a strong understanding of Korean business culture and regulatory frameworks

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Tomasz specialises in projects in the defence and security sector, including contracts related to such projects and regulatory aspects (concession regulations, regulations on the trade in dual-use items and regulations on the protection of classified information). He also advises on infrastructure investments and handles disputes arising under such contracts in sectors covering energy, transport or infrastructure.

Soo Youn is co-head of the Korean Desk at DZP. She has extensive experience working for several leading international law firms, including a role as a in-house counsel of a leading multinational company in England. Soo Youn obtained her Master of Laws from City University of London in 2003, after obtaining her Bachelor of Arts from Seoul National University, South Korea in 1995. She completed the Legal Practice Course at the College of Law, Guildford, UK. At DZP SooYoun advises Korean clients on various projects and has in-depth knowledge of the most important European regulations.

Organisers:



Korea Defense Industry Association



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The seminar will be held on 28 April from 13:00 to 15:20 at KDIA's office in Seoul (13th Fl, Sungwoo Bldg, Mapodaero 49 Mapo-Gu).

The seminar will be held in English. Although simultaneous interpretation will not be officially provided during the seminar, interpretation support will be available during the Q&A session if needed.

RSVP: please confirm registration to Mr. Chanyoung Shin cshin@kdia.or.kr until 24 April 2026. Participation is free of charge, and it is possible once the organizer has confirmed receipt of your application.

