



Round Table Series  
**INVESTING IN SECURITY:  
STIMULATING INNOVATION**

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**PROGRAM**

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12.15 ARRIVAL OF PARTICIPANTS

12.30 APERITIF (SALLE GRENADIERS)

12.55 WELCOME ADDRESS

Mr. Jason WISEMAN  
Secretary General, Atlantic Treaty Association

13.00 SPECIAL ADDRESS

Mr. Joe FLUET  
Chief Executive Officer, MAG

13.10 TOPIC OF DISCUSSION

*NATO reaffirmed the importance of improving its defence capabilities with an emphasis on innovation. In 2016, NATO defence investment rose 3.8% equating to more than \$10 billion USD, a trend which is expected to continue. Similarly, the European Union's Global Strategy proposed €90 million EUR over the next 3 years for research and technology. As research and procurement budgets continue to increase, organizations like NATO and the EU must expand their cooperation with industry beyond the traditional defense sector while encouraging engagement with small and medium enterprises to stimulate greater innovation and maximize the efficiency of Euro-Atlantic defence spending.*

*Panelists will discuss an exchange of best practices that will address challenges, and explore opportunities for a stronger engagement with SMEs beyond the traditional defense sector with the aim to bringing innovative solutions to Allied capabilities. These discussions will yield policy recommendations for a more collaborative smart defence strategy.*

MODERATOR

Mr. Brooks TIGNER  
Chief Policy Analyst, SECURITY EUROPE

REMARKS

Mr. Ernest J HEROLD  
Deputy Assistant Secretary General, NATO Defence Investment Division

Mr. Patrick FESQUET  
Director of Procurement, NATO Support and Procurement Agency

13.45 Q/A SESSION

14.30 CONCLUSION