

From 28 March to April 1, 2022, IRSEM is organizing the first edition of its **Paris Defence Young Leaders** program in the context of the French Presidency of the Council of the European Union. The Institute will host twelve European promising figures in the field of defence and security, selected with the help of the embassies. The Young Leaders program aims to create a network of young personalities, to build awareness of the French vision of defence issues, to encourage dialogue between representatives of various countries and institutions on these subjects and to establish a "promotional" spirit conducive to exchanges. The unifying theme of this edition is anticipation and preparation of the future.

After a welcome breakfast and the presentation of the program, the Young Leaders will attend speeches by Major General Eric Autellet on the theme "Strategic issues for France and Europe - a military perspective".

In a second phase, the Young Leaders will participate in a round table discussion on the new strategic challenges and the preparation of the future within the Defence Innovation Agency (DIA). The speakers will be Colonel David Pappalardo (DGRIS), Captain Géraud Cazenave (EMA-ESMG), Tsiporah Fried (EMA-ESMG) and Colonel Yves Lévêque (DGA-AID).

The second day of the program will start with a round table discussion on the feedback from the Covid-19 pandemic and resilience for the Armed Forces and will be moderated by Colonel Francis Frank (CICDE), Captain Eric d'Artorg and Victor Bernaud. This sequence will be followed by a discussion on the theme of "Foresight of air and space conflict" with Captain Ivan Sand, Jean-Christophe Noel and Lieutenant-Colonel Raphaël Briant.

The Young Leaders will then take part in a round table discussion on climate, defence and security issues with Adrien Estève (IRSEM), Tom Haristias (DGRIS), Colonel Philippe Le Carff (EMA) and Julia Tasse (IRIS). They will also visit the Hôtel des Invalides and the Army Museum.

The twelve participants will go to Ariane Group (Les Mureaux) to discover their civil and military activities and visit the Ariane V / VI assembly sites. They will then join the SGDSN for a round table discussion with General Vincent Cousin, Prefect Nicolas de Maistre, General Wallaert and Jean-Hugues Simon Michel, on the themes of "Resilience plan, governance of hybrid threats, PPST and Viginum".

The Young Leaders will also visit the 123 Orléans-Bricy air base where they will be presented the functioning of the base and the present and future air logistics, as well as an A400M aircraft, in the company of CESA officers.

The last day will start with a round table discussion at the Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs, during which Manuel Lafont-Rapnouil, Director of CAPS, as well as representatives of the European Union Directorate and the Strategic and Security Affairs Directorate will speak.

The Young Leaders will then have a meeting with the Minister of the Armed Forces, Florence Parly, at the Hôtel de Brienne.

Finally, they will take part in a serious game with representatives of the EU Institute for Security Studies, the *Jeunes de l'IHEDN* and the DGRIS, based on a fictitious scenario fed by the analyses of IRSEM researchers.

This first promotion is focused on Europe but the program is intended, in subsequent years, to welcome promising figures from all over the world and to allow them to exchange with the best specialists in defence issues and practitioners.

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