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## TRUMP IS JUST WHAT EUROPE'S DEFENSE NEEDS

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Every cloud has a silver lining. And as Europe is finally faced with the opportunity to build a real European Defence Union amid U.S. President Donald Trumps disruptive return, this could not be more true.

Despite several achievements in the EUs Common Security and Defence Policy throughout the years – including the deployment of no less than 40 missions and operations for crisis management and peacekeeping around the world – the bloc has continued to rely on the security umbrella provided by NATO and the U.S. for its territorial defense.

There were good reasons for this. After all, NATOs mission is the collective security of the Euro-Atlantic area and most of the blocs member countries are also part of the alliance. Therefore, many considered the EU becoming a major security provider to be an unnecessary duplication, if not a possible cause of dangerous confusion in the line of command in the event of an attack.

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