Eurosatory - 11-15 June 2012

International Defense Expo
Office of Defense Cooperation, US Embassy Paris

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The Office of Defense Cooperation (ODC), France, welcomes you on behalf of U.S. European Command and the U.S. Ambassador to France. Our mission is to facilitate the long-term U.S. - French defense relationship by promoting cooperation and interoperability between U.S., NATO, and French forces. To this end, we are ready to assist all official DoD / U.S. Government guests in establishing contact with our host nation's military acquisition and industry leaders.

Eurosatory is an occasion to promote U.S. security interests and illustrate our commitment to NATO and allied interoperability. It also offers an excellent opportunity to forge coalition partnerships for the future. America's defense industries play a significant role in this effort as they display their newest products to a worldwide audience.

EUROSATORY 2012: Eurosatory is the world's largest and most international land security and defense trade show. 2012 marks the 23rd Eurosatory exposition since its establishment in 1967. This year, over seventy countries are expected to be represented by high-level delegations and over 1400 worldwide vendors are expected.

IMPORTANT! 3 Actions Required

Action #1- Registration with ODC France: Use this form to register your participation with ODC France:

https://einvitations.afit.edu/inv/index.cfm?i=92951&k=0B634B0C7A

Action #2- Reserve your Hotel Room: ODC France will send you the reservation form for the official DoD / U.S. Government hotel (the Grand Hotel Intercontinental) form via email upon completion of your ODC France registration. Use the form to submit your room request directly to the hotel. Further hotel information is in Section 1 below.

Action #3- Submit your Country Clearance and apply for your Visa: further information in Section 3 below.

INFORMATION

1. Hotel Information *Back to top*

The Grand Hotel Intercontinental in Paris' 9th Arrondissement has been designated the official hotel for DoD, VIP, and distinguished visitors. The Grand Hotel Intercontinental is part of the Holiday Inn family of hotels. This facility is cleared for security purposes and meets EUCOM force protection requirements. Lodging in this hotel is therefore most strongly encouraged. To reserve you and your party's rooms at the hotel, please complete the ODC France registration form (link above) and ODC France will send you a form to fill out and send directly to the hotel. The form includes additional information about cancellation policy and minimum stay requirements. Hotel reservations can be cancelled or modified up until 15 Mar 2012. After that date, certain restrictions begin to apply, ODC France can provide further details. Presently, there are still available rooms for all nights except Saturday, 9 June.

Should you choose to stay elsewhere, you will not be able to take advantage of the negotiated group rate that ODC France has put into place, you may not be in accordance with the Combatant Commander's force protection requirements and you will not be provided government-bus transportation to the show.

Per-Diem: Hotel rates at the Grand Hotel Intercontinental start at 400 Euros / night (over $550 at today's exchange rate.) Current Paris per-diem rates are $387 for lodging and $178 for meals and incidentals. The current exchange rate for US currency to Euros can be found by using the following website: http://web.rm.state.gov/exchange/Currency_Exchange.cfm The Director of the Defense Security Cooperation Agency should approve an Actual Expense Allowance (AEA) for lodging for Eurosatory 2012 in excess of the standard per diem rate. This should be in effect in Paris from one week prior to and one week following the show. Once approved, a copy of the AEA memorandum will be included with your welcome packet at the ODC France Welcome Desk, or by email request from ODC France.

Breakfast: Your room rate at the Grand Hotel Intercontinental includes breakfast each morning. To facilitate our group's morning departure for the show each day Monday-Friday, a separate banquet room at the hotel will be made available from 06:30 to 08:30. Should you choose not to join the group for breakfast; the other standard options for breakfast at the hotel will remain available to you at your own expense. Breakfast room service is not included in your room rate, nor is breakfast at the hotel restaurant 'Café de la Paix.'

2. Welcome Desk: *Back to top*

Check-in will be assisted at the Grand Hotel Intercontinental, located at 2 Rue Scribe, Paris 75009, on Sunday, 10 June, with the presence of the ODC France Welcome Desk in the main lobby. This should facilitate your check-in and provide the opportunity to acquire up-to-date information regarding the show. ODC France will distribute individual badges to the show at that time as well as provide a welcome packet of Eurosatory 2012 and Paris visitor's information to all registered official DoD / US Government visitors at that time, regardless of whether you have a room reserved at the Grand Hotel Intercontinental or not. **Badges will not be distributed by mail or on-site at the show.**

3. Passport, Visa, and Country Clearances *Back to top*

Passports All official DoD / US Government visitors are required to comply with the DoD Foreign Clearance Guide available at https://www.fcg.pentagon.mil/. Unlike other European countries, official visitors on non-NATO business are required to travel to France on their 'no-fee' passports. (i.e. 'official' or 'diplomatic')

***Note, for uniformed service members, travelling on NATO orders is acceptable **with a valid military picture ID.**

Visas All official DoD / US Government visitors also required to obtain a no-fee visa for their visit to France for Eurosatory. Again, please review and comply with the DoD Foreign Clearance Guide.

Country Clearances All who attend Eurosatory, meet with host nation counterparts or host nation industry must submit a request for country clearance**. DoD personnel should use the Automated Clearance System (APACS) at https://apacs.dtic.mil/apacs/apacsservlet?cmd=apacsLogin The Defense Attaché is Office (DAO) is responsible for approving APACS. Please contact either SFC Glenn via email at glennad@state.gov or by phone at +33 1 4312 2825 or OSCS Lessenberry via email at lessenberrydl@state.gov or by phone at +33 1 4312 2578; otherwise you may also send an email to the DAO mail box at PARISDAO@STATE.GOV**

Non-DoD personnel may use the electronic Country Clearance (eCC) system at http://ecc.state.gov The Office of Defense Cooperation (ODC) has approving authority for eCC. If you have questions, please contact Mr. Gilles Spencer Roserens via email at RoserensGS@state.gov or by phone at +33 1 4312 2609.

Country clearance requests should be processed NLT 05 May 2012. When filling out your Country Clearance, please make sure that you use the words: 'Eurosatory 2012' as the 'purpose' of your stay in France.

It is advisable to maintain photocopies of your travel documents (passport, visa, or travel orders & ID) available to you at all times in case of loss or theft.

4. Schedule of Events *Back to top*

Sunday, 10 June

09.00 - 18.00 Grand Hotel Intercontinental, located at 2 Rue Scribe, Paris 75009

Monday, 11 June - Day 1

06:30 - 07:00 - Breakfast served in banquet room at Grand Hotel

07:00 - Bus departs Grand Hotel Intercontinental for Eurosatory site at Villepinte

07:00 - Eurosatory open to US official visitors

13:00 - US Pavilion official opening ceremony

14:30 - Eurosatory official opening ceremony

16:00 - Bus departs Eurosatory for the Grand Hotel Intercontinental

17.00 - Eurosatory closes to visitors

19:30 – 21:30 - US Ambassador's official reception (invitation only)

Tuesday, 12 June - Day 2

06:30 - 07:00 - Breakfast served in banquet room at Grand Hotel

07:00 - Bus departs Grand Hotel Intercontinental for Eurosatory site at Villepinte

07:00 - Eurosatory open to US official visitors

16:00 - Bus departs Eurosatory for the Grand Hotel Intercontinental

17.00 - Eurosatory closes to visitors

19:30 – 21:30 – French organizer's official reception (invitation only)

Wednesday, 13 June - Day 3

06:30 - 07:00 - Breakfast served in banquet room at Grand Hotel

07:00 - Bus departs Grand Hotel Intercontinental for Eurosatory site at Villepinte

07:00 - Eurosatory open to US official visitors

16:00 - Bus departs Eurosatory for the Grand Hotel Intercontinental

17.00 - Eurosatory closes to visitors

Thursday, 14 June - Day 4

06:30 - 07:00 - Breakfast served in banquet room at Grand Hotel

07:00 - Bus departs Grand Hotel Intercontinental for Eurosatory site at Villepinte

07:00 - Eurosatory open to US official visitors

16:00 - Bus departs Eurosatory for the Grand Hotel Intercontinental

17.00 - Eurosatory closes to visitors

Friday, 15 June - Day 5

06:30 - 07:00 - Breakfast served in banquet room at Grand Hotel

07:00 - Bus departs Grand Hotel Intercontinental for Eurosatory site at Villepinte

07:00 - Eurosatory open to US official visitors

13:00 - Bus departs Eurosatory for the Grand Hotel Intercontinental

16.00 - Eurosatory closes to visitors

***This program is subject to further changes

5. Show Badges *Back to top*

An official Eurosatory badge is required to gain entry to the exhibition site at Villepinte. ODC France will process badges for official DoD/US Government visitors upon receipt of a valid Country Clearance Message. To ensure you receive a badge, submit your country clearance request as soon as possible. These badges will be distributed at the ODC France Welcome Desk at the Grand Hotel Intercontinental, located at 2 Rue Scribe, Paris 75009 on the Sunday before the show commences. (details in section 1 above)

***Note: Eurosatory's organizers may demand a government-issued photo ID (DoD CAC Card, Passport, Driver's License, etc) be presented to permit entrance to the show site.

6. Transportation *Back to top*

From Monday to Friday, 11-15 June, ODC France will provide free bus transportation to and from the show at the beginning and the end of the day for all official DoD / US Government visitors who are staying in the official hotel, the Grand Hotel Intercontinental, located at 2 Rue Scribe, Paris 75009.

Alternatively, the Paris public transportation system is efficient and easy to use. For those who have never visited or are unfamiliar with subway/train (RER) use, visit the Paris public transportation website: http://www.ratp.fr/ . This website can provide directions from your hotel to any address in Paris.

Should the need arise for personal travel to or from the show site, a taxi is a safe but expensive alternative; though can be slow due to city traffic.

7. Uniform Policy *Back to top*

Personal security is the primary factor in formulating uniform policy for Eurosatory. On Day 1, Monday 11, June, all US military in attendance are expected to dress in service Class A, with jacket and tie or equivalent. On all other days of the trade show, all military can anticipate Class B, short sleeve, open collar (Class C for the USMC). For civilian attendees, normal daily attire is business suit with tie. Depending on the host and venue, evening events can be either in Class A or business suit with tie.

Those in uniform who choose to use public transportation (bus, train, metro) are encouraged to wear a non-descript overcoat or jacket, per local force protection guidance.

8. Official and Industry Receptions *Back to top*

Official and industry receptions are by invitation only. Your host should inform you if you are invited to these events. Transportation to/from these private events is not provided through ODC France. For those in uniform, taxi is the recommended means of transportation for these events. Spouses are typically not invited to attend these events.

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The US Embassy is neither a service facility nor open to the public. Access is controlled for security reasons and limited to official business.

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Additional Eurosatory 2012 information is available at the following sites:

Eurosatory 2012 show organizer's home page in English:

http://www.eurosatory.com/#/home

State Department travel information for France:

http://www.state.gov/r/pa/ei/bgn/3842.htm

English language information about France:

http://www.francetourism.com/

Local transportation information:

http://www.ratp.fr/

http://www.airfrance.com/

11. Point of Contact *Back to top*

Please address all initial contact to ODC France by email at: <odcfrtradeshow@state.gov>

Please read this informational webpage in its entirety before contacting ODC France with questions.