



Eurosatory – 13-17 June 2016

International Defense Expo
Office of Defense Cooperation, US Embassy Paris



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Welcome to the Office of Defense Cooperation, France's Eurosatory 2016 Planning Guide.

(For more information on ODC France, please visit: <http://france.usembassy.gov/odc.html>)

EUROSATORY 2016: Eurosatory is the world's largest and most international land security and defense tradeshow. 2016 marks the 26th Eurosatory exposition since its establishment in 1967. This year, over seventy countries are expected to be represented by high-level delegations and over 1500 worldwide vendors are expected. (For more information, please visit <http://www.eurosatory.com/>)

Location: **Parc des Expositions, Villepinte, 93420 France** ([Map](#))
Located approx 25 km NE of central Paris, just south of Charles de Gaulle airport

IMPORTANT! - 3 Required Actions *** Please complete the following 3 steps in order ***

Step #1- Register with ODC France: The only way for Official US visitors to register for Eurosatory and receive an access badge is via the following ODC France link. Please register at this link prior to completing any other steps:

Click Here for: [ODC France Eurosatory 2016 Registration Page](#)

Step #2- Reserve your Hotel Room: *After registering with ODC (at the above link), you may reserve your hotel room as part of our reserved block at hotel Le Meridien.*

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Name: **Le Meridien Etoile** (aka The Meridien)

Address: 81 Boulevard Gouvion-Saint-Cyr, 75017 Paris, France

- Located in the Porte Maïo area of Paris (17th Arrondissement) with easy access to Central Paris.

Make a Reservation: Once you have registered on the ODC site (Step #1 above), a link to the hotel reservation page will be provided on the confirmation page.

Hotel Rate: €379 (≈ \$430) per night. Because *EuroCup 2016* will be going on in France (11 Jun-11 Jul 2016), the fairs for Paris hotels are above lodging/per-diem rates. An Actual Expense Allowance (AEA) Justification Letter will be issued by the Chief of ODC France. Depending on one's local travel approval authority, the AEA Justification Letter *should* allow visitors to use the increased lodging rate due to lack of other options. To request a copy of the AEA Justification letter, please email:

odcfrtradeshaw@state.gov

Step #3- Submit your Country Clearance and apply for your Visa:

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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'). If you do not have a valid no-fee passport, you need to obtain one prior to your departure.

Visas: All official DoD / US Government visitors also required to **obtain a no-fee visa** to France for the Eurosatory (does not apply to Government Contractors). Again, please review and comply with the DoD Foreign Clearance Guide.

*****Note:** Uniformed service members are allowed to travel on NATO orders **with a valid military picture Identification Card.**

Country Clearances: All DoD official visitors to France must submit a request for country clearance through APACS. The Defense Attaché is Office (DAO) is responsible for approving APACS. Questions should be directed to the DAO mail box at ParisDAO@state.gov

Non-DoD personnel may use the electronic Country Clearance (eCC) system at <https://ecc.state.sbu/> Office of Defense Cooperation (ODC) has approving authority for eCC.

Country clearance requests should be processed as soon as possible, but NLT 10 May 2016. When filling out your Country Clearance, please make sure to use the words: 'Eurosatory 2016' as the 'purpose' of your stay in France.

Please maintain photocopies of your travel documents (passport, visa, or travel orders & ID) in case of loss/theft.

***** ADDITIONAL IMPORTANT INFORMATION *****

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ODC France Welcome Desk will be in the main lobby of Le Meridian Hotel (81 Boulevard Gouvion-Saint-Cyr, 75017 Paris) 12 June 2016 from 0900 to 1800.

ODC France will distribute welcome packets, including individual show badges, to all registered official DoD / US Government visitors at that time (regardless of whether you have a room reserved at Le Meridien Hotel). **Badges will not be distributed by mail or on-site at the show.**

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Personal security is the primary concern. Per EUCOM and AmEmb France regulations, public transportation is not authorized in uniform. Bus transportation will be provided daily to/from Le Meridien Hotel and Eurosatory. If one chooses to not take the provided bus, one may travel by taxi/uber. If traveling via public transportation (metro/bus/train), uniforms are not authorized.

The following Uniforms are prescribed per service per day:

		<u>Army/Air Force</u>	<u>Navy</u>	<u>USMC</u>
Day 1	13 Jun	Class A (With Jacket & Tie)	SDBs	Service A
Days 2-5	14-17 Jun	Class B (Open collar, No tie)	Khakis	Service C

Evening Events: Depending on the host/venue, evening events may be either in Class A/SDBs or business suit with tie. Please consult the event invitation.

Civilian Attendees: Routine daily attire is business suit with tie.

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An official Eurosatory badge is required to gain entry to the exhibition site at Le Bourget. **ODC France will process ALL badges for official DoD/US Government visitors** upon receipt of a valid Country Clearance Message. To ensure you receive a badge, register on the ODC site (Step #1 above) and submit your country clearance request (Step #3 above) as soon as possible. ODC France intends to distribute badges at the Welcome Desk at the hotel on the Sunday prior to the show.

***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.

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Basic schedule of events can be found at <http://www.eurosatory.com/#/home>
Please check back for further information.

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Buses provided to/from Le Meridien: Bus transportation will be provided to/from the show Monday-Thursday. Transit to the show can take between 45 – 90 minutes depending on traffic conditions. Uniforms can be worn on the busses provided.

Public Transport: 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), visit the Paris public transportation website: <http://www.ratp.fr/>. This website can provide directions from your hotel to any address in Paris.

Additional information and maps of the area can be found under the Site Access section of the Eurosatory main website: <http://www.eurosatory.com/practical/practical-information.aspx>

If using public transportation, plan approximately 1 hour each way from door-to-door.

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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 not open to the public. Access is controlled for security reasons and limited to official business.

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Eurosatory 2016 show organizer's home page: <http://www.eurosatory.com/#/home>

State Department travel information for France: <http://www.state.gov/r/pa/ei/bgn/3842.htm>

Paris transportation information (metro/bus/train): http://www.ratp.fr/en/ratp/c_21879/visiting-paris/

France Tourism Info: <http://www.francetourism.com/>

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

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