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We were honored to host the German American Defense Forum at the [Embassy of Germany in Washington, D.C.](#) earlier this week, bringing together over 100 leaders from industry, government, and the transatlantic defense community.

The program featured opening remarks from Jean P. Froehly, Minister, Head of Economic and Finance Department at the German Embassy and [Christoph Schemionek](#), President & CEO of DGIC, followed by networking opportunities, company pitches from German defense firms, and an insightful panel discussion on “Transatlantic Cooperation in the Defense Industry.” Thank you to our panelists for sharing their expertise:

- [Jeff Rathke](#), President of the [American-German Institute](#)
- [Abby Lilly](#), Chief Supply Chain Officer, [Lockheed Martin](#)
- [Jeff Green](#), Chief Operating Officer, [Airbus Defence and Space](#)
- [Aleksandar Jovovic](#), Deputy Director, Center for the Industrial Base, [Center for Strategic and International Studies \(CSIS\)](#)
- [Rob Palmer](#), Vice President, Washington Operations, [RENK America](#)

The event was held as part of a visiting German defense delegation supported through the [Markterschließungsprogramm \(MEP\)](#) program and backed by the German [Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy](#).

Thank you to all participants, speakers, and partners for contributing to an engaging and productive discussion on the future of transatlantic defense collaboration. We look forward to continuing the dialogue and building stronger ties between the German and American defense ecosystems.

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