



## **Charta Strategic Advisory Board SDRC DDPS April 2021**

### **Functions and tasks**

The Strategic Advisory Board of the SDRC DDPS

- aims to challenge and inspire in the form of advice and recommendations with regard to the present and future strategy of Switzerland in dealing with robotics in the security environment;
- aims to increase the focus on the relevant questions in the area of benefits and risks of robotics for the Armed Forces and other security stakeholders in Switzerland;
- is an instrument to promote the transfer of expertise between civilian and military stakeholders in the area of robotics;
- aims to contribute to the strategic development of the Swiss Drone and Robotics Centre of the DDPS;
- aims to advice and assist in finding the necessary scientific, political and administrative support with regard to communication with the parliament, the administration, the civilian research institutions and the public.

### **Composition**

- The Advisory Board is composed of experienced personalities from the Armed Forces, the Federal Administration, civilian research and the federal defence industry. They have undergone personnel security screening.
- The members are selected based on their expertise, their function and their network, in order to be able to advise in the best possible manner in the orientation of Switzerland in questions of national security in dealing with the challenges of robotics.
- In its role as an entity technologically responsible for the security of Switzerland, the chairmanship of the Advisory Board is assumed by armasuisse Science + Technology (S+T).
- The Advisory Board can invite new members on a consensual basis. Each member can leave the Advisory Board at their own request at any time.

### **Functionality**

- The Advisory Board meets once or twice a year, alternating at the locations of the institutions of the board members or their partners.
- The members of the Advisory Board have a purely advisory function. Their recommendations do not give rise to any rights or obligations.
- To enable an informal and open exchange, the Advisory Board meets under the “Chatham House Rules<sup>1</sup>”. Certain contents can be subject to confidentiality. In this case, the speaker(s) or the chairman of the Advisory Board demands silence on the matter.
- The members of the Advisory Board work on a voluntary basis.
- The Advisory Board can invite relevant national and international experts.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.chathamhouse.org/about-us/chatham-house-rule>

## **Communication**

- It should be possible to communicate any discussed and developed contents from the Advisory Board in an appropriate form.
- The names and biographies of the members of the Advisory Board can be published in the internet and be used for information products.

## **Point of contact**

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