

REFLECT, LEARN, PROGRESS: INSIGHTS FROM YOUTH INTEGRATION INTO BELGIAN DEFENCE

CLOSING CONFERENCE

- LOCATION:** ROYAL MILITARY ACADEMY- BRUSSELS
- DATE:** 20 November 2023 (9 AM-14.00 PM)
- LANGUAGES:** Dutch & French
- PARTICIPATION:** Click on this link to confirm your attendance :
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In the light of the considerable NEET group in our society, the Belgian Defence has placed a special attention on the recruitment of personnel and its social role with regards to the representativeness of the broader society.

This closing conference will present the results of the sociological research that was conducted for two years at the Belgian Defence on the integration of these young people by a team of researchers of the HIVA Institute (KU Leuven) and the Chair of Sociology (Royal Military Academy).

In order to analyse the societal challenges and opportunities related to the recruitment and inclusion of more diverse groups at the Belgian Defence, we will first reflect on the current integration of these young people in military organizations. In a second stance, we will extend our analysis to other types of partnerships that were recently concluded with private organizations and local actors.

8.30-9.00	Participants arrival and registration	
9.00-9.10	Welcome address	Admiral Yves Dupont (RMA)
9.10-9.20	Opening address	Ms Ludivine Dedonder (Minister of Defence)
9.20-9.30	Insert-Bd : introduction to the research project	Dr. Ezra Dessers (KU Leuven) & Prof Delphine Resteigne (RMA)
9.30-10.45	Panel discussion: NEETs inclusion at the Belgian Defence	Moderator: Prof Delphine Resteigne (RMA) Dr. Anne Guisset (KU Leuven) Commandant Tijl Van Herck (DGHR) & 2 MR Ali Idriss Rastam (Navy) Ms Boukaftane (Directrice pédagogique, Maison de l'Adolescent, Charleroi) Prof em. André Dumoulin (ULiège & KHID)
10.45-11.15	Coffee break	
11.15-12.30	Panel discussion: Youth integration, a collaborative endeavor with private partners	Moderator: Dr. Ezra Dessers (KU Leuven) Ms Clarisse Ramakers (Agoria Wallonie) Jan Laurijssen (SD Worx) Prof Geert Van Hootegeem (KU Leuven) Prof Eric-Hans Kramer (KMA, Breda)
12.30-12.45	Final comments	General Thierry Esser (DGHR)
12.45-14.00	Drink and standing lunch	