

# Overarching Strategic Research Agenda (OSRA)



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**Summary:** OSRA is the overarching process for harmonising SRAs – ie standardising how parties administer and manage their procurement and maintenance planning, while aligning the areas they wish to focus on.

**At stake:** NATO should be the logical first choice for this. The little-known inclusion of a maintenance angle is also alarming, as encouraging the alignment of both asset management and procurement timetables with those of other countries.

**What they say:** “OSRA has thus become the EU reference for technological priorities” – EDA.

**Exposure:** Any participation by the UK in EDA work streams brings risk of policy makers seeking to align with other national procurement timings and priorities, rather than the Defence Staff’s.

**Action:** Clarity of procurement planning primacy within the MoD.