



UK SECURITY AND RESILIENCE INDUSTRY SUPPLIERS COMMUNITY (RISC)

INTERNATIONAL WORKING GROUP

Purpose

1. The RISC International working group has been tasked by the RISC Council to manage the international strands of work arising from the Security and Resilience Growth Partnership and RISC Council meetings. As such, the International working group will lead on RISC's overall relationship, and work, with the Department for International Trade's Defence and Security Organisation (DIT DSO), as well as other relevant departments and agencies such as the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.
2. The RISC International working group will help to support the implementation of UK national security objectives overseas and to fulfil the international economic potential of the UK security industry. It will do this by closely engaging with key Government bodies such as DIT DSO to provide an effective security industry voice to security policymakers on international issues, including export support and promotion.

Membership

3. The RISC International working group will be made up of three constituent parts: voluntary members, the chair and the secretariat.
4. Members of RISC Council shall volunteer to sit on the working group on an annual rolling basis, with at least one representative from each Founding Partner and DIT DSO.
5. The chair will oversee the work of the group, providing detailed guidance and direction based on their experience, and is responsible for the high-level engagement with the Government.
6. The secretariat will be provided by the trade associations of RISC, on a transparent and impartial basis.
7. The working group will be open to members from the wider membership of RISC, and other representative bodies as appropriate, reflecting the inclusive nature of the RISC alliance.

Resources

8. The exact resources to be provided to the secretariat will be determined by the Founding Partners, in consultation with the RISC Council.
9. The Secretariat will provide appropriate experience and seniority of personnel to deliver upon the purpose of the working group.
10. Any costs resulting from membership of / support to the RISC Executive and/or Council will fall upon the representative organisations of the alliance, as necessary.
11. All Members shall bear their own costs of involvement in any RISC activities.

Governance

12. These terms of reference will be subject to the agreement of the RISC Council but will be reviewed annually to ensure they meet the current needs of the RISC membership.
13. The working group will be chaired by a member of RISC Council. The chair will be mutually agreed by the Founding Partners and hold a term of one calendar year initially; this may subsequently be extended to two calendar years if agreed by the Council.
14. The RISC International Working Group will meet in-person, with the option to dial-in, at least four times a year. The chair and secretariat will provide regular updates to the Council.

Scope of activity

15. The scope of the working group's activities will be determined in collaboration with DIT DSO and other relevant Government bodies, including the Home Office, in line with RISC's clear preference for the implementation of a whole-of-Government approach.
16. The working group's activities shall include, but not be limited to:
 - a. Working with the DIT DSO to refresh the Security Export Strategy, providing industrial input on its priorities and subsequent implementation;
 - b. Engaging with DIT DSO on industry's views on export priorities, to help DIT DSO work more effectively, and to discuss future priorities for the Government's export support;
 - c. To provide policy submissions on behalf of RISC Council to Government where appropriate;
 - d. To support wider work by RISC to prioritise development and support for SMEs to enable them to better access export opportunities in the security sector;
 - e. To maintain oversight of other areas of the Government's international work strands, including the Conflict, Stability and Security Fund;
 - f. To support the delivery of international work strands arising from the Security and Resilience Growth Partnership.
17. In line with the inclusive nature of the RISC alliance, the working group shall seek to align its work with other representative bodies and organisations involved in security exports, such as the Cyber Growth Partnership Cyber Exports Working Group, ensuring that there is no unnecessary overlap and to realise the benefits of effective cooperation.

RISC Secretariat

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