## The European Defence Community

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The European Defence Community (EDC) was without doubt one of the most ambitious projects launched by the proponents of European unity in the 1950s. The attempt to form a European army, barely five years after the end of the Second World War, was a highly symbolic act indeed. However, defence of the homeland was considered a fundamental aspect of sovereignty that few countries were prepared to give up.

