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# State of Int'l Region I

- Growth!
  - [NEW Chapters!](#) Türkiye, Spain – working on Finland and Hungary
  - Chapters struggling: South Africa
- AOC Europe - Becoming an institution in the region and for NATO
- Opportunities within the region:
  - NATO – ACG3 with SG1 and SG2 & NIAG studies
  - European Commission – White Paper for rearming Europe
  - Capability Coalition EW in support of Ukraine

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My sincere apology for having misinterpreted the effect of global events. For the last two years I have tried to add icy water to the euphoria of growth for AOC Europe, in number of chapters and in membership numbers for International Region I.

Since our last AOC BOD International Region I have seen the establishment of two new chapters, Türkiye and Spain, and there is work on a new chapter in Finland. Despite these additions to the region, we also see some chapters struggle to stay alive and relevant.

AOC Europe is becoming an institution in Europe. The AOC ambition to become “the one to come to for knowledge on EW and EMO (EMSO)” is getting a foothold in Europe, even though I believe our adversary – Russia plays a big role in making this come true.

There is a lot going for EW in Europe especially. NATO is growing its EW capability and posture, but so is the EU. The EU white paper on rearming Europe 2030 (attached) shows both will and focus on EW as an important aspect of military force.

2025 has also seen the establishment of a new Capability Coalition on EW which is a partnering with the Ukraine to build collective capabilities, share lessons identified, analyse lessons learned, and procure and train an EW force capable of making a change.