

From transformation to adaptation: analysing the Spanish military change (2004–2020)

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Abstract

In 2019, the Spanish Defence Staff launched an “adaptation” process to adjust the structure of the force and its catalogue of military capabilities up to the year 2035. It replaced the “transformation” that had guided the country’s defence planning from 2004 to 2018 to develop the future armed forces model envisaged in the 2003 Strategic Defence Review. This article begins by analysing the transformation process and its main effects on the evolution of the Spanish military and the reasons behind the drive to adapt. It then goes on to explain its main components and objectives, and concludes by scrutinising the main factors that may condition its development.

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