

# Enhancing the full Potential of Dual-Use Technologies and Markets

**The Seville Declaration  
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The Seville Declaration proposes recommendations for the support of dual-use technologies and markets addressed to the European Commission, the European Defence Agency, EU Member States and Regions in order to fully take economic advantage of those technologies and markets.

It encourages stakeholders to develop collaboration, knowledge exchange and joint activities that facilitate access to information, knowledge creation and absorption, innovation and transnational partnerships as well as the promotion of common framework conditions aiming at enhancing a true European market for dual-use technologies and solutions.

This declaration is the outcome of exchanges of views between regional authorities, Regional Development Agencies, clusters and similar intermediary organisations having participated in the International Conference on Dual-Use Technologies within the Framework of RIS<sup>3</sup> Strategies in Europe held in Seville on 27/28 October 2015 in the presence of representatives of the European Commission, the European Defence Agency and Ministries of Defence.

# Dual-Use Technologies and RIS3 Strategies in Europe.

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## INTRODUCTION

The relationships between the civil and the defence technologies and markets are becoming increasingly closer. It is useful that public authorities at EU, national and regional level enhance the potential of dual-use R&D+I activities as well as the involvement of SMEs in dual-use markets.

This can be done through national and/or regional strategies, including RIS<sup>3</sup>, to help stakeholders move from one sector to the other or to support the development of technologies and products able to respond to civil and defence needs from their conception onwards.

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## Maximising the Opportunities offered by Dual-Use Technologies

With a view to better exploiting the future potential of dual-use technologies, the participants in the International Conference held in Seville ask the European Commission, the European Defence Agency, Member States and Regional Authorities to consider the seven recommendations and principles listed below to design policies and measures to support a European industry and R&D+I agenda in the field of dual use.

1. To deploy initiatives regarding innovative public procurement in order to foster from their first conception the dual use of technologies/products/services/solutions.
2. To provide information on medium-term needs in the field of dual-use technologies.
3. To assess the feasibility of a meet-the-buyer fair in the field of dual-use technologies in order to facilitate partnerships between SMEs, major contractors and Ministries of Defence.
4. To support a structured dialogue with a network of regions and their intermediary organizations willing to support the competitiveness of dual-use enterprises and to boost R&D+I activities in the field of dual use.
5. To provide clarifications regarding the eligibility of dual-use activities for EU funding through European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF), EU Programme for the competitiveness of enterprises and SMEs (COSME) and Horizon 2020 programmes.
6. To strengthen cooperation between the relevant sector groups within the Enterprise Europe Network and connect them to new opportunities for supporting partnership between businesses engaged in dual use activities.
7. To facilitate the access of SMEs to IPR resulting from defence research contracts having a potential for civil applications in all the cases when the IRP owners are not interested in developing civil applications.