

SPECIAL EDITION

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES



Pilot Project on defence research - Call for Proposals: The objective of the present call for proposals is to award grant agreements within the scope of the **Pilot Project (PP) for research** in the field of **Defence**. [Here](#) you will find the information needed to successfully submit proposals for supplying products and services to the European Defence Agency.

For the first time, through a delegation agreement passed by the EC to EDA, the EU budget will fund defence research. This is an opportunity for industry to test a new scheme before the Preparatory Action to be launched in 2017. Do not hesitate to respond for the call for proposal before the **20 May 2016**.

TOOLS OF THE MONTH



The new European Cluster Collaboration Platform: if you are a European cluster with members working in the defence sector, do not hesitate to register your cluster in the new category: “Aerospace Vehicles and Defence”. Following on your registration, you make yourself better known and may be eligible to apply to forthcoming EU funding calls!

NEWS ABOUT INNOVATION



Preparatory Action – Coordination meeting: EDA is organising the 1st coordination meeting on PA to which, further to the participation of pMS representatives of ministries of defence, Industry representatives are invited. On the afternoon of the **8th of April**, Industry representatives will be given the floor to present topics for the future calls for proposals. Because **all National Defence Industry Associations (NDIAs)** from the 28 pMS are invited, do not hesitate to discuss the preparation and outcome of this meeting with your NDIA.