

## NEWS OF THE NEWS



**[First EU Pilot Project in the field of defence research sees grant agreements signed for €1.4 million](#)**: Grants agreements worth a total of €1.4 million were signed on 28 October at the European Defence Agency (EDA) for three selected research activities to be carried out under the EU's first Pilot Project in the field of defence research.

## PUBLICATION



**[EDA Workshop on Materials 2050](#)**: As the defence and security landscape moves into more complex and uncharted areas, studying and developing the capabilities of the future is becoming increasingly challenging. The emergence of new platform concepts and the lead times, often spanning over decades, for materials used in major platforms result in a pressing need to start research efforts in the present. On 18 October 2016, 25 experts from various European Ministries of Defence, the U.S. Department of Defense, European institutions, and industry participated in an EDA workshop to identify materials envisioned to be used by military forces in the year 2050.

## TOOL OF THE MONTH



**[EDA's tutorial on the opportunities of the EU COSME Programme](#)**: a 5-minute video to introduce defence-related SMEs and clusters to the financial instruments, grant opportunities and free-of-charges services provided under the COSME 2014-2020 and further detailed on the [EDA's COSME web-platform](#).

## SUPPORT TO INDUSTRY



**[EDA SME Senior Advisors attend their first SME network meeting](#)**: [Francisco González Mené](#) and [Dušan Švarc](#), EDA's two recently appointed SME Senior Advisers, participated in their first Member States' SME Point of Contacts (PoCs) meeting this Thursday 13 October at the Agency premises in Brussels.

## HOT SPOT



**EDA Annual Conference 2016**: EDA has held its Annual Conference on 10 November 2016. With a participation of more than 500 high level personalities the summary of the day could be found on the [EDA website](#) as well as the speeches of the key note speakers as [HR/VP Federica Mogherini](#), [Slovak EU Presidency State Secretary of the Ministry of Defence Dr. Róbert Ondrejcsák](#), European Commissioner for [Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs Elżbieta Bienkowska](#), and [EDA Chief Executive Jorge Domecq](#). Summary of both 2 panels (Listening to the supply & demand sides) can also be [downloaded](#). The [video](#) can also be viewed.



**[Preparatory Action \(PA\) on CSDP-related research](#)**: EDA published a factsheet on the PA initiative and is now available on the EDA website. If you wish to learn more about the Pilot Project and Preparatory Action initiatives, do not hesitate to take a look at the document.