

NEWS OF THE NEWS



EDA organised a **[“Jumbo” workshop on 28 February](#)** and gathered Member States and industry representatives from 4 EDA networks on Defence Market & Industry issues, to discuss proposals to improve EDEM transparency, EDTIB competitiveness and to promote cooperation in defence procurement



As announced in President Juncker's 2016 State of the Union speech, the European Commission presented a **White Paper on the Future of Europe**, which forms the Commission's contribution to the Rome Summit of 25 March 2017. Please, **[download the document here](#)** !

PLACES TO BE

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[Maritime and Defence Dual-Use Conference 2017](#) will be organised by Marine South East, UK and the European Commission in Southampton, 4-5 April 2017. Registration is still open.



[Second European Test and Evaluation Community Days Conference 2017](#) “European priorities - challenges and opportunities for a large EU network of Test & Evaluation Centres” on 25-27 April 2017 in Vienna, Austria. Registration is still open until 7th April 2017.

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[Dual-Use Conference 2017 – Drones & Space](#) will be organised by CenSec (Center for Defence, Space & Security) in DK and the European Commission in Aarhus on 4-5 May 2017. Registration is still open.



EDA is organizing a **workshop on “European opportunities for Defence-related clusters”** on 28 March, at EDA premises. Further to a plenary session focusing on current and forthcoming European opportunities for defence-related clusters, there will be a dedicated Cluster2Cluster session. You can register still by sending an e-mail to **esi@eda.europa.eu**

EDA PROCUREMENT



On-going EDA procurement with time limit for response by 27/04/2017 17:00: **[17.CPS.JP.022 – EU Satcom market – provision of communication and information system \(CIS\) services for headquarters and deployed forces. EDA tender](#)**

HOT SPOT



[Blueprint for cooperation on skills in the defence sector](#) is the recently published Commission brochure on defence skills policy presenting the new framework for strategic cooperation between key stakeholders for addressing sector-specific skills gaps.



The European Defence Agency (EDA) has just completed a **project aimed at increasing the accuracy of artillery systems used by Member States' Armed Forces**. Read the article and factsheet on **[EDA website page](#)**!

EDA PUBLICATIONS



EDA 2016 Annual Report is now available on the EDA website and can be **[downloaded here](#)**. “2016 was a seminal moment for European defence and a defining year for the European Defence Agency (EDA). The events that shaped 2016 added a new sense of urgency and determination to see Europe delivering on its potential in defence. ...”