



DEFENCE TEST & EVALUATION FIT FOR THE FUTURE

The Defence Test and Evaluation Base (DTEB) is the intergovernmental nexus for cross-border cooperation efforts on Test & Evaluation in Europe. It aims to create a network of defence test centers to support technology and capability development.



Collaborative Test & Evaluation

Test & Evaluation is an enabling element of the capability development process, crucially supporting the delivery of qualified defence capabilities. Collaborative efforts in Test & Evaluation aim to **strengthen the resilience of the testing infrastructure** in Europe, facilitating the development of capabilities - with specific reference to capabilities which need to be tested and qualified.

In this context, the DTEB plays a pivotal role in ensuring **interoperability** and **harmonisation** of requirements across Member States. By connecting defence test centres through a shared network, the DTEB not only enhances collaboration but also promotes the standardisation of Test & Evaluation procedures, fostering a cohesive approach to capability development.



DTEB Strategy 2025-2035

In response to the need to revise the European Defence Test & Evaluation Base Strategy, the evolving geopolitical challenges and advancements in technology, the European Defence Agency together with participating Member States **undertook the effort to redefine the Strategy for 2025-2035**.

Over the past years, a comprehensive Strengths (S), Weaknesses (W), Opportunities (O), and Threats (T) analysis has been conducted to assess the internal and external factors affecting the DTEB.

This assessment has led to the definition of **four strategic lines** for the Defence Test & Evaluation Base and the Test Centres Network of Excellence:

1. **Elevating DTEB IT Platforms (DTEB and TEGA):** Positioning DTEB IT Platforms as relevant tools within EU Institutions and Member States for accessing Test & Evaluation capabilities and gaps.
2. **Harmonising Test and Evaluation Procedures:** Facilitating the development of standardised Defence Test & Evaluation procedures to foster technology and capability development across Member States.
3. **Tackling Test & Evaluation Challenges:** Providing support to Member States in addressing Test & Evaluation challenges associated with emerging technologies, ensuring adaptability to the evolving threat landscape.
4. **Strengthening DTEB's Interface:** Enhancing DTEB's collaboration with EU Institutions, international organisations, industry, and other stakeholders in the Test & Evaluation domain, thereby fostering a robust and interconnected ecosystem.

This strategy sets a **forward-looking trajectory** aligned with the security landscape, enabling the DTEB to **advance Member States collaboration** for the **next ten years**.



DTEB Community

The Defence Test & Evaluation Base Community knits together national test centres across the EU, creating a **coordinated network of Test & Evaluation (T&E) capabilities**. It brings together governmental and, where relevant, also non-governmental stakeholders.

The DTEB Community is structured around the DTEB Plenary Group and the Test Centres Network of Excellence for Land, Maritime, Air, and Cyber & Information, which include representatives from Member States, National test centres, and T&E experts. These bodies serve as forums to identify common areas of interest, harmonise Test & Evaluation methodologies, discuss testing needs, procedures, and Test & Evaluation gaps.

The DTEB Plenary Group and Test Centres Network of Excellence perform the following key functions:

- **Strategic Oversight:** Managing the DTEB portfolio, aligning with EU defence priorities, and supporting capability development.
- **Collaboration & Standardisation:** Facilitating cooperation, harmonising T&E methodologies, and overseeing strategic planning.
- **Capability Enhancement:** Supporting T&E initiatives, gap analysis, and multinational testing projects.
- **Stakeholder Engagement:** Strengthening ties with EU institutions, international defence organisations and industry.



DTEB Database

The European Defence Agency, in collaboration with its Member States, developed the DTEB database to enhance cooperation among Test & Evaluation centres across Europe. This platform aims to increase transparency, foster collaboration, and improve mutual understanding between governments and industry, ensuring coherent and optimised Test & Evaluation capabilities that meet the EU's future defence needs.

The DTEB database collects **more than 300 organisations and capabilities across Europe**, including the description of the activities that can be performed by the Test Centres. The users of the database have the possibility to search each organisation or capability by Nation, Domain, Category, Standard or by free text.

The database is a web-based, access protected software tool for governmental T&E centres and non-governmental entities. The DTEB Database is accessible to governmental users, and, with government approval, it can also be accessed by non-governmental users. Interested stakeholders of the European Defence Technological and Industrial Base (EDTIB) have the possibility to access the DTEB Database following a specific procedure.