

HOT SPOTS



[Funding Energy, Circular Economy, REACH and Environment in Defence](#) – EDA's "[European Funding Gateway for Defence](#)" (EFGD) now provides defence stakeholders with guidance on European funding available for Circular Economy, REACH-related substitution of hazardous chemical substances, Energy and Environmental Management in Defence.



[Preparatory Action on Defence Research](#) – The presentations given during the Information Day and Brokerage Event on 12 April 2018 are available [here](#).



[Survey](#) – The European Commission has launched a survey concerning the "Use of the Guideline for 'Specially designed for military use'", linked to the implementation of the Directive 2009/43/EC (Transfers Directive). Interested entities can access and provide feedback to the survey **until 1 June 2018**.

EDA PROCUREMENT



[Contract notice](#) – CapTech Components Strategic Research Agenda (SRA) update, including new Technological Building Blocks (TBBs).

[Contract notice](#) – Framework contract for the provision of Cloud Data Security Assurance.

TOOL OF THE MONTH



[SME Corner](#) – The EDA SME Corner website has been recently redesigned with the aim to become the main source of information on EDA defence industry related matters for both SMEs and government stakeholders. The content of the SME Corner will be continuously evolving to keep pace with new initiatives interesting for the SME community.

EVENTS



[Cyber defence conference](#) – The International Conference on *Cyber Defence – Building a Rapid Response* will be held in the Central Military Club, Sofia, Bulgaria, on 13-14 June 2018. This event is co-organised by the Bulgarian EU Presidency and the European Defence Agency (EDA). A call for papers on topics of interest has been [published here](#). Accepted papers will be presented at the conference. For more detailed information, please visit the [Conference website](#).



[Defence Conference](#) – The 9th International Scientific Conference will take place in Plovdiv, Bulgaria, on 31 May 2018 as part of the official calendar of the Bulgarian Presidency of the Council of the European Union. The conference will be held in the framework of the 13th International Defence Equipment Exhibition "HEMUS 2018".



[High Level Conference "Launch of the European Defence Skills Partnership"](#) – The event will take place on 19 June 2018 in Brussels. Participants from industry, academia and authorities will gather to discuss how to ensure the availability of highly advanced and rapidly changing technological skills for the defence industry; and how the creation of a common European defence skills strategy will contribute to this endeavour.

EUROPEAN NETWORK OF
DEFENCE-RELATED REGIONS

[European forum on defence and dual-use technologies in the maritime domain](#) – Jointly organised by the European Commission and ENDR member Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur Region, the ENDR event will take place now in Toulon on 20-21 September 2018 (instead of 24-25 May 2018).