

## NEWS OF THE MONTH



**[Call for papers: EDA Industry Exchange Platform on RPAS AIR TRAFFIC INTEGRATION \(ATI\)](#)** – EDA has opened a call for papers from defence industry, academia and research institutes on the topic of Remotely Piloted Air Systems (RPAS). The call for papers is focused on the RPAS Air Traffic Integration (ATI) in European airspace in the timeframe 2025-2030. The deadline for submissions is the **29 September 2017**.



**[Call for tenders on defence-related skills](#)** – EASME published an invitation to tender on 31 August for a service to build evidence on defence-related skills shortages, gaps and mismatches, and defining the sector's strategy with concrete actions on how to solve the skills gap. The deadline for submission of tenders is **28 November 2017**.



**[Call for proposals - Clusters Go International in the defence and security sector](#)** – EASME launched a call for proposals on "European Strategic Cluster Partnership – Going International"(ESCP-4i) to support European defence and security-related clusters and business network organisations to intensify collaboration across borders. The deadline for submission of tenders is **13 December 2017**.

## PLACES TO BE



**[Maritime Security Conference 2017](#)** – The European Defence Agency (EDA) is organising a Maritime Security Conference on the 16 November 2017. The conference will be conducted under the auspices of the Estonian Presidency of the European Council at the Hellenic Navy NMIOTC in Crete.



**[Exploring FP7, Horizon 2020 and EDA R&T synergies on advanced materials, structures and nanotechnologies](#)** – The European Commission and the European Defence Agency (EDA) is organising an **information exchange and match-making event** in the area of materials and structures on 7 November 2017, at the European Commission (DG RTD, 21 Rue du Champ du Mars, 1050 Brussels - Ixelles).

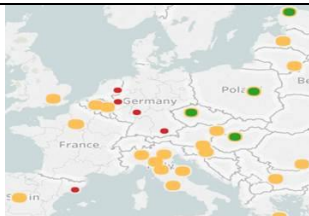


## EDA PROCUREMENT



**[Contract notice – Services in support of EDA's helicopter portfolio](#)**. The main objective of this contract is to provide support services required to maintain and develop EDA's helicopter portfolio. The services encompass the provision of training courses as well as the operation and maintenance of the simulator facility at RAF Linton-on-Ouse in the United Kingdom.

## HOT SPOTS



**[Updated list of financial intermediaries providing loans to SMEs backed by EU guarantees](#)** - EDA has just updated the list of specific financial intermediaries (e.g., banks) that may provide defence-related SMEs and "dual-use" SMEs with loans under the EU COSME Programme (Competitiveness of SMEs). For other COSME-funded opportunities see the "[EDA's COSME web-platform](#)".



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