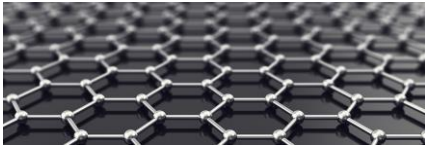


NEWS OF THE MONTH

PESCO – On 11 December 2017, the Council adopted a decision establishing Permanent Structured Cooperation (PESCO), with 25 Member States participating. This permanent framework for defence cooperation will allow willing and able Member States to develop jointly defence capabilities, invest in shared projects, and enhance the operational readiness and contribution of their armed forces.

HOT SPOTS

EDA study to assess graphene potential for defence – On 12 December 2017, the European Defence Agency (EDA) hosted the kick-off meeting for a new study to be carried out over the next 12 months on possible future applications of graphene in the military domain and the expected impact on the European defence industry.



Key defence and security space project supported by ESIF – The “SPACE NOSTRUM - High Performance Dual Satellite Constellation for Maritime Surveillance” study was awarded European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF), accessing the highest co-funding rate (50%) available in that region.



Security of Supply – Following the adoption at Council level of EDA **Member States’ Political Commitment on Security of Supply** on 19 June 2017, the Agency developed a related **Questions and Answers document** elaborating on the Political Commitment adopted, including potential links to and benefits for industry.



EDA Annual Conference 2017 – The EDA’s Chief Executive on November 23rd closed the Agency’s Annual Conference 2017 with a call to use the EU’s new defence tools and the EDA’s full potential to enhance cyber cooperation and help Member States’ armed forces to plan, develop, acquire and use the required cyber defence capabilities. He insisted that dialogue with industry will be equally important to secure the required future capabilities.

PUBLICATIONS

EDA Industry Engagement – A new EDA fact sheet on the Agency’s Industry Engagement concisely describes the objectives and principles of the approach as well as the key priorities: capability development process; Research, Technology & Innovation; SES/SESAR; Key Strategic Activities identified at EU level; and support to and overall engagement with industry.



The new EDA magazine – The latest European Defence Matters magazine is now available with a special focus on 10 disruptive defence innovations to come. The magazine is also available ONLINE in a user-friendly, state of the art responsive lay-out and accessible via all your devices: smartphone, tablet or desktop!



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