

**NEWS OF THE NEWS**

**EDA Study on the Impact of REACH & CLP European Chemical Regulations on the Defence Sector:** the study concluded that considering the complexity of defence supply chains and long lifecycles of military equipment, REACH (and associated CLP) regulation, as they stand now, may impact the actual operability of Member States' Armed Forces. Review the [EDA webnews](#) and download the full report [here](#)!!



EDA just released the [executive summary](#) of a late 2016 study on **Response strategies to the cost escalation of defence equipment**. Four interesting recommendations to EDA and Member States are formulated.

**PLACES TO BE**

EDA and European Space Agency (ESA) are pleased to announce a joint **Workshop on Space and CBRNE** (Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and Explosive) threats on 7 March 2017, at ESTEC in Noordwijk (The Netherlands). You can register through the [dedicated webpage](#).



EDA is organizing a **workshop on "European opportunities for Defence-related clusters"** on 28 March 2017, 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 by sending an e-mail to [esi@eda.europa.eu](mailto:esi@eda.europa.eu).

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The European Commission published its 2017 "[Sector Skills Alliances](#)" call for proposals, with a new Lot 3 dedicated to six pilot sectors: **defence**, automobile, maritime technology, space, textile and tourism. Falling under the EU's Erasmus+ instrument, the call is the first Commission action to implement the Blueprint for Sectoral Cooperation on Skills, part of the wider initiative known as the "New Skills Agenda for Europe", adopted in June 2016. [The call is available following this link !](#) A [Sector Skills Alliances Infoday](#) will be organized on 16 February 2017.

**HOT SPOT**

**European Defence Matters, Magazine** issue 12: The latest European Defence Matters magazine is now available with a special focus on the European Defence Action Plan (EDAP) presented by the European Commission in November 2016. Check it out [HERE](#).

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**Southampton, 4-5 April 2017**, organised by Marine South East, UK and the European Commission: [This workshop](#) will promote SME engagement in the Solent region's dual use strategy, while stimulating consortium-building and investment in dual-use innovation. It will focus on two technology themes: **marine autonomous systems and satellite surveillance & data analytics**. [Register now !](#)



High industry attendance at Vienna seminar on [EU funding for defence R&T projects](#): EDA's Deputy Chief Executive, addressed on 24 January 2017 Austrian security and defence stakeholders at a seminar in Vienna on EU funding opportunities for defence research (R&T) projects. The event was jointly organised by the EDA, the Austrian Ministry of Defence (MoD) and the Austrian Research Promotion Agency (FFG) with the support of the Austrian Defence & Security Industry (ASW).

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EDA organises the next Test and Evaluation Community Days Conference (TECD) 2017 in Vienna. TECD 2017 will focus on T&E requirements in support of CDP Priority Actions, in the wider context of the implementation of the EU Global Strategy (EUGS). The conference addresses T&E Experts, Industry working with government and decision makers of EU Defence Test centres. [Download conference flyer here ; Link to registration page](#)