

**HOT SPOTS**

**[Research & technology SMEs win 1st EDA Defence Innovation Prize](#)** - The European Defence Agency (EDA) announced the two winners of the first EDA Defence Innovation Prize: AITEX, a Spanish textile research institute, and Clover Technologies, a Spanish company providing advanced technology services for information systems and communications. A total of 24 companies and research institutes from across Europe participated in the contest.



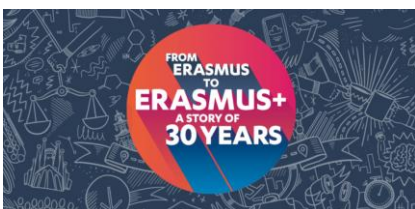
**[Further progress in sustainable energy for defence sector](#)** - Over 140 experts from 27 European countries participated in the Conference on the second Phase of the Consultation Forum for Sustainable Energy in the Defence and Security Sector (CF SEDSS II). The Forum brings together experts from the defence and energy sectors to share information and best practices on energy-related topics.



**[Vienna Conference highlights research potential of European Defence Fund](#)** - A high-level EU conference on the European Defence Fund (EDF) took place in Vienna on 2 October. The event, which gathered some 500 defence policy makers, industry representatives, researchers and other stakeholders, was organized by the Austrian Presidency of the Council of the European Union with the support of European Commission and EDA.



**[EDA supported course relevant to defence receives ERASMUS+ funding](#)** - The EU's ERASMUS+ programme, funded by the European Commission to support education and training, has awarded €3 million for a transnational advanced Master course relevant to defence called EMIMEO. EDA contributed with data analysis to the application which was put forward by a consortium led by the Université de Limoges in France to access ERASMUS+ funding.



**[Erasmus+ call for proposals on defence technologies open](#)** - Defence is one of the eligible sectors under the 2019 Erasmus+ call for Sector Skills Alliances Lot 3, published on 24 October. One successful selected proposal can be awarded a €4 million grant for 4 years. The [call](#) was published in the Official Journal 2018/C 384/04 of 24.10.2018. The deadline for submission of proposals is 28 February 2019. A dedicated info-day on this call will take place on 14 November in Rue de la Science 14b, Brussels at 10h00. To participate, please register by sending an e-mail to [defenceskills@rand.org](mailto:defenceskills@rand.org)

**EDA PROCUREMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

**[Overarching Strategic Research Agenda \(OSRA\) Methodology and OSRA IT Tool](#)** - The general objective of this framework contract is to maintain and enhance the existing OSRA methodology and IT tool. Estimated total value excluding VAT: €1 million.



**[Update or Development of the Strategic Research Agendas](#)** - The general objective of this framework contract is to support the continued and ongoing development and update of the SRA's and the TBB's with new inputs, following the tools and processes developed either for OSRA or for the OSRA toolchain. Estimated total value excluding VAT: €2.5 million.

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