

NEWS OF THE MONTH

[EDA Defence Innovation Prize](#) – The European Defence Agency (EDA) launched the Defence Innovation Prize, which will reward European companies and/or research entities who propose innovative and ground-breaking technologies, products, processes or services applicable in the research areas of navigation and CBRN. Deadline for submissions is **16 April 2018**. For more information on the eligibility criteria and how to apply please refer to the full [contest documentation available here](#).



[EDA launches 'European Funding Gateway' for defence](#) – To support the defence sector in accessing European funding, the EDA now provides industry, Ministries of Defence/Armed Forces, research-and-technology organisations and academia with a comprehensive European Funding Gateway for defence.

EVENTS

[Consultation Forum for Sustainable Energy in the Defence and Security Sector Phase II \(CF SEDSS II\)](#) – The EDA is organising the first conference of the CF SEDSS II taking place in Tallinn from 20 to 21 March 2018. The draft Conference Programme is [available here](#).



[Ammunition safety workshop](#) – European Network of National Safety Authorities for Ammunition (ENNSA) will organise the 7th Test House Workshop in Cyprus on 17 and 18 April 2018. The workshop is open to government participants as well as to experts from EU ammunition industry. For registration and more information contact DTEB@eda.europa.eu.

HOT SPOTS

[Pilot Project EuroSWARM and SPIDER activities completed](#) – Two research activities of the Pilot Project on defence research, SPIDER and EuroSWARM, financed by the EU budget, were brought to a successful closure at their respective final meetings on the 20 and 21 February 2018. The last activity, TRAWA, is due to be completed by May 2018.



[Workshop on Maritime Surveillance industrial long term perspectives](#) – EDA held a workshop on capability development trends in Maritime Surveillance on 1 February as part of a more structured dialogue between Member States and industry. The workshop is part of the EDA's approach towards establishing a structured dialogue and enhanced engagement with industry, based on a set of priority actions derived through the Capability Development Plan (CDP).



[The public consultation on the review of the SME definition](#) - The European Commission is currently preparing for an evaluation and possible revision of some aspects of the [SME definition](#) and is inviting any interested actors to provide feedback on its evaluation and impact assessment. You can contribute until 6 May 2018 [here](#).



[EDA market survey on commercially available RPAS services](#) – In order to prepare for future decisions to be taken in that area, the EDA decided to launch a market survey to better understand the range of commercially available solutions which could fulfil possible future requirements for RPAS services in operations, as well as their potential associated risks or limitations. [Full details on the aim, scope and participating rules are available here](#).