

The EDA News Review for Defence Industry gathers relevant information of EDA & EC activities / actions. This one-page document, with embedded web links, will be sent to you regularly through an e-mail campaign. Do not hesitate to re-forward the document to your members & stakeholders.

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

CSO Platform: On 19 November, EU operations/missions and the CSDP structure's experts participated in an EDA seminar to be informed about the potentialities of the EU Contractor Support to Operations platform (CSOp).



Call for proposals **Erasmus+ 2016:** Public / private bodies active in fields of education & training can apply (by 26/02/2016) for funding to carry out actions addressing skills needs & gaps relevant for defence.

PLACES TO BE : WORKSHOPS, EVENTS, EXHIBITIONS, ...

Modelling & Simulation (M&S) Platform for SME: It is time for European SMEs specialized in the M&S to register to the new M&S SME Platform and attend the Kick-off-Meeting on 25 February 2016.



EDSTAR: A survey is conducted within Europe to evaluate whether EDSTAR fulfills the expectations of the European Defence Community in terms of Best Practice Standards and Best Practice Recommendations, but also to give the Community the opportunity to provide advices for improving the tools.

1/ Survey Short version (2 min):

https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/EDSTAR_Survey_2015_short

2/ Survey Long version (10 min max):

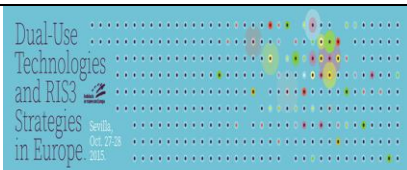
<https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/EDSTARSurvey2016>

TOOLS OF THE MONTH

Access to EU funding: The table helps you to find in a couple of clicks the right EU funding instrument for your company and projects.

NEWS ABOUT INNOVATION

On 14 December the European Commission (EC) organised the first meeting of an expert group under the name "**as-if Programme Committee**" relating to the launch of the Pilot Project (PP) and Preparatory Action (PA) in the field of Defence Research. As to the **Pilot Project**, in compliance with the delegation agreement signed with EC on 16/11/2015, EDA had provided options for the work plan. Thanks to this upstream role of EDA, the "as-if Programme Committee" converged quickly on **one preferred topic for each of the two activities of the PP** (one relating to disruptive technologies, one related to certification and standardisation). EDA is now preparing the calls for proposals with the objective to issue them by early February 2016.

HOT SPOT ON SPECIFIC ISSUES

The **Seville Declaration** was adopted by the **Conference on Dual-Use technologies in the framework of RIS3 in Europe** participants organised on **27/28 October** by Andalusia Region, European Commission, and supported by EDA. It recommends actions for EC, EDA, pMS & Regions to support dual-use technologies and markets.