

NEWS OF THE MONTH



EDA Ministerial Steering Board – The EDA’s ministerial Steering Board met on 14th of November under the chairmanship of the Head of the Agency, Federica Mogherini. Defence ministers adopted the Agency’s 2018 budget, approved its 2018-2020 work programme and endorsed the EDA’s role and next steps in the field of cyber defence and in support of Military Mobility in Europe.

SUCCESS STORIES



ESIF Success Stories in Defence – The European Defence Agency (EDA) has been working successfully to facilitate access to European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) funding for defence-related R&T projects by providing pilot applications and tailored-made technical support.



First fully fledged defence project gets ESIF funding – For the first time, a fully-fledged defence research project - initiated by the Croatian Ministry of Defence and supported by the European Defence Agency (EDA) - has been awarded EU co-funding under the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF). So far only ‘dual-use’ projects with both civilian and military applications had been able to secure ESIF funding.

HOT SPOTS



3D-printing community explores applications for defence – The EDA conference and exhibition “Exploring Additive Manufacturing Impact in Defence Capabilities” successfully demonstrated the many possible applications additive manufacturing technologies (also known as 3D-printing) can bring to the defence sector. Around 200 representatives from government institutions, industry, academia as well as research and technology centres participated in this unique forum which was held in Gijón (Spain) on 12 September 2017.



Commission Call relevant for fostering defence-related skills - The 2018 Erasmus+ call for proposals includes two actions relevant for the defence community: "Sectors Skills Alliances Lot 2 – Development of Training" and "Knowledge Alliances". The calls are open until 28 February 2018. Info days for each action respectively will take place on 1 and 4 December.



EDSTAR – The new European Defence Standards Reference System (EDSTAR) website has been redesigned with a powerful search engine. Two experts groups have been reactivated: Energetic materials and Life Cycle Project Management. You can join these groups by contacting Philippe.Cambraye@eda.europa.eu

TOOL OF THE MONTH



The new EDA corporate video is available! - The European Defence Agency was created to “support the Council and the Member States in their effort to improve the European Union’s defence capabilities for the Common Security and Defence Policy”. Have a look at our new short video to see who we are and what we do! You'll find more information on www.eda.europa.eu.