

NEWS OF THE NEWS



[Success for the 1st R&T project assessed](#) by the competent Managing Authority to access ESIF under the support that [EDA launched in 2015](#). The project develops a composite material with high-impact resistance, allowing for both civilian (aeronautical sector) and defence (bulletproof equipment) applications. ESIF will fund almost 70%. The project consortium is led by a Portuguese SME with a research centre, a university and the Ministry of Defence as members: *this is the 1st time that a MoD is directly funded by ESIF*. More info on EU funding on www.eda.europa.eu/eufunding.

PUBLICATION



European Defence Matters, Magazine issue 11: The new edition of the EDA magazine is now available. You can download from the [EDA website](#).



EDA has commissioned a study on “**Study on Industrial and Technological Competences in the Naval Sector**”. The study is now finished and its [Executive Summary](#) available on the EDA website.

TOOL OF THE MONTH

EUROPEAN NETWORK OF
DEFENCE-RELATED REGIONS

The [European Network of Defence-related Regions website](#) is now launched to facilitate the ENDR members – regional authorities and clusters – to share experiences and best practices in building dual use strategies and accessing EU funding, particularly to the benefit of defence-related SMEs. Under the umbrella of the ENDR, various regional dual use events will be organised. At these events the Enterprise Europe Network will facilitate B2B and matchmaking opportunities for companies and other stakeholders. ENDR is a European Commission initiative funded under the COSME programme.



Two new technical domains hold their KoM: Range Interoperability and Blast Effects. Two other technical domains will start in January 2017: Automatic Identification Technique & Camouflage. Interested industries are encouraged to participate to these groups and register at aisatou.doucoure@afnor.org.

SUPPORT TO INDUSTRY



If you are a “dual” SME, (working for the defence & civilian market), you may access to the Enterprise Europe Network’s local PoC closest to your premises: *advisory / guidance /support on innovation, going international, EU regulation, IPR, technology transfer, finance*. More info by writing to cosme@eda.europa.eu and on EDA’s [‘COSME web-platform’](#).

HOT SPOT



The **2016 EDA Annual conference** will be held on 10th November. Entitled “[The Industrial Evolution or Revolution in Defence](#)”, the Conference will look at the future of the European defence sector and its relation to innovative technologies. It is a unique platform for senior decision-makers to consider how to ensure that the sector remains fit-for-purpose in the 21st century. Because participation is upon invitation only, you will follow the debate through your Internet connection.



Registration portal for the T&E Community Days Conference (TECD) opened. TECD 2017 provides a forum for the T&E community to exchange ideas, information and to network. The three-day conference running on 25-27 April 2017 will aim at governmental officials and companies working on government contracts. Interested persons can register at: <http://www.eda.europa.eu/what-we-do/portals/dteb/test-evaluation-days>