

# Newsletter

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## Meeting on Long-Term Review (LTR) in Brussels

On Friday, 5 April, a meeting with LTR delegates took place at the Agency. The Chief Executive provided national representatives with an update on the work of the Agency with a specific emphasis on its involvement in the EU defence initiatives. Mr Domecq stressed the need for their coherence. He also reiterated the Agency's commitment to support Member States in taking the initiatives up in national processes. The meeting also served as an exchange of views on the implementation of the LTR Conclusions and Recommendations of May 2017 as well as on the assessment of the application of Article 21.2 b) of the EDA Council Decision. The Head of Agency will present to Ministers an Implementation Report on the LTR Conclusions and Recommendations and the EDA Council Decision at the next Ministerial Steering Board on 14 May.



### EDA Annual Report 2018 published

The [Agency's 2018 Annual Report](#) is now available, presenting and explaining the wide range of work delivered by EDA in the course of last year. The report reflects the Agency's high level of activity in 2018 which was a remarkable year for EU defence cooperation in general, and for EDA in particular. After the launch of several new EU defence initiatives in 2017, first successful steps were taken in 2018 towards their implementation, with EDA contributing to all of them. [Read the report here](#). You can request paper copies of the report by writing to [info@eda.europa.eu](mailto:info@eda.europa.eu).

### [NEW EDA On The Record](#)



In this new monthly video update, Jorge Domecq will address one topic of particular interest to Member States. The topic of this first short episode is the coherence between the EU defence initiatives CARD, PESCO and EDF.

## Annual Report on the Status of PESCO Implementation

On 22 March 2019 the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy provided to the Council the first Annual Report on the status of PESCO implementation. The report is based on the PESCO secretariat assessment of the National Implementation Plans (NIPs), which were updated and reviewed by the participating Member States (pMS). The report also considered the state of play on the implementation of the 34 PESCO projects, as reported by the project coordinators to the Council in March 2019.

Based on the tasking of the Council Conclusions of 18 November 2018, on 8 April 2019 the PESCO secretariat provided to the Council the report on the Initial Lessons Identified on PESCO projects, which was developed in close consultation with the pMS. This report has provided short term recommendations to be taken in consideration in view of the next call for PESCO projects in 2019, and longer-term recommendations that require further discussion between the pMS.

## Enhanced engagement with National Defence Industry Associations and ASD

On 9 April, EDA Chief Executive Jorge Domecq met with senior representatives of National Defence Industry Associations (NDIA) and of the Aerospace and Defence Industries Association of Europe (ASD) to hear their views and assessments on the EU defence initiatives (CARD, PESCO, EDIDP/EDF) and discuss innovative technologies and related challenges for the defence sector. The plenary meeting, the first of this kind, is a first tangible outcome of EDA's new approach to industry based on a more structured dialogue and enhanced engagement. Industry involvement in the EU's defence initiatives is key to ensuring that they can be translated into future capability programmes, Mr Domecq told participants. "In EDA, we believe that industry will continue to be more and more closely associated with the capability development process. The Agency also continues to encourage strong participation of industry in its RT&I activities", he said. Mr Domecq also stressed the important role of non-traditional defence industrial and R&D

communities in supporting innovation and the incorporation of new technologies into the defence domain.

## CDP and SCCs discussed during informal EUMC visit at EDA

On 3 April, the EU Military Committee (EUMC) led by its Chairman, General Claudio Graziano, paid an informal visit to EDA where they were briefed by Chief Executive Jorge Domecq on the lessons learned from the 2018 revision of the Capability Development Plan (CDP) as well as on the state of play of the Agency's work on the individual Strategic Context Cases (SCS) for the implementation of the 11 EU Capability Development Priorities. Both topics will be on the agenda of the upcoming EDA Steering Board meeting in Capability Directors composition on 27 June.

## EDA's Identifunding tool now online



On 21 March, EDA launched 'Identifunding', an online tool which allows defence-interested stakeholders (industry - including SMEs, Ministries of Defence, research and technology entities, universities, etc.) to quickly and easily identify existing EU funding schemes available for defence-related projects.

The new application, which is accessible via [EDA's European Funding Gateway for Defence](#) and the SME corner, performs an instant scan of all existing defence-related EU funding opportunities based on a project's topic, scope, objectives as well as the participants involved. It should considerably facilitate the task of defence-related project organisers wondering if their project qualifies for potential EU support. The tool will be constantly updated to include also new funding opportunities arising under the EU's upcoming Multiannual Financial Framework 2021-2027, such as the European Defence Fund and the InvestEU Programme.

## Market consultation on Main Battle Tank (MBT) optimisation

EDA's 'OMBT-Leo2' project, launched in spring 2017 with the ambition to optimise existing Main Battle Tank (MBT) capabilities in Europe (with an initial focus on the Leopard 2A4), entered a new phase on 10 April with the publication of a call to European industry to participate in a Preliminary Market Consultation (PMC) and offer possible market solutions. The purpose of the PMC is to gather accurate information regarding possible commercial solutions for upgrading Leopard 2A4s up to the 2A7 or equivalent version, in-line with existing technical standards and requirements. Participants are asked to respond to the PMC with proposed solutions that are sufficiently detailed and include a realistic price range and possible timelines. The objective is to reach out to the full European defence industry spectrum and ensure the collection of comprehensive and accurate cost data. Deadline is 18 July 2019. Only responses covering full system-level solutions will be taken into further consideration.

For more information, please contact:  
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## Work launched on cyber defence research prototype

End of March, a kick-off meeting was held at EDA to launch the contractual work on the Cyber Defence Situation Awareness Package Rapid Research Prototype (CySAP-RRP) project, in the presence of representatives of the three contributing Member States: Spain (lead country), Germany and Italy. The industry consortium in charge of the project (INDRA Sistemas SA, Leonardo S.p.a and Fraunhofer) provided Member States with an overview of the project management plan describing tasks, milestones and project deliverables. The CySAP-RRP will be built upon previous work done by EDA to develop a Target Architecture and System Requirements for an enhanced Cyber Defence Situation Awareness Capability. The core objectives of the project include essential research challenges to assist military decision-makers in cyberspace and to set the basis for a fully-fledged Command and Control (C2) system for cyber operations.

## High interest in PADR Information & Brokerage Day



EDA and the European Commission (DG GROW) jointly held a successful Information & Brokerage Day to inform potential applicants on the Preparatory Action on Defence Research (PADR) and the details of the [2019 calls for proposals published on 19 March](#).

In his keynote speech, EDA Chief Executive Jorge Domecq said it was *"of utmost importance that EU funded defence research leads to real products that can enhance European capabilities."* He added: *"The Pilot Project which EDA managed was successfully concluded and follow-up activities to exploit the results from it are already under discussion. It is therefore very encouraging to see downstream activities from the Pilot Project that should encourage further uptake of the results from the Preparatory Action on Defence Research."* ([full speech here](#))

Published in the [Funding & Tender Opportunities Portal on the European Commission website](#), the 2019 PADR calls will be implemented through grants with a deadline for submission set to 28 August 2019.

## Successful R&T conference held in Bucharest

More than 500 representatives from Member States' MoDs, defence research institutes, industry, academia and EU institutions attended the 'Capability-Driven Defence Research and Innovation Conference' EDA co-organised with the Romanian EU Presidency on 26/27 March in Bucharest. The event was opened by Romanian Defence Minister Benjamin Les, EDA Chief Executive Jorge Domecq and the Vice-President of the European Parliament, Ioan Mircea Pascu.

## Save the date: EDA Military Airworthiness Conference 2019

On 9-10 October 2019, the annual EDA Military Airworthiness Conference will be held in Lithuania, bringing together key stakeholders from national military airworthiness authorities, industry, European agencies and international organisations to discuss the latest developments in the cooperation between National Military Airworthiness Authorities (NMAAs). The conference is an INVITE ONLY event. Details regarding the venue, conference agenda, registration and accommodation will be sent out by EDA in due time. Inquiries regarding the event should be directed to: [MAC2019@eda.europa.eu](mailto:MAC2019@eda.europa.eu).

## New publications



[NEW FACT-SHEET ON THE AGENCY'S OVERARCHING STRATEGIC RESEARCH AGENDA \(OSRA\)](#)



[NEW INFOGRAPHIC ON DEFENCE DATA – TRENDS & FIGURES](#)



[UPDATED FACT-SHEET ON EU SATCOM MARKET](#)



[NEW CYCLE OF EDA TRAINEESHIPS PUBLISHED](#)

## EDA vacancies

Here is an overview of the current vacancies at EDA:

- > [Project Officer Coordinated Annual Review on Defence \(CARD\)](#)  
Closing date 31 May 2019
- > [Project Officer Land Programmes](#)  
Closing date 12 June 2019
- > [Project Officer REACH](#)  
Closing date 12 June 2019
- > [Project Officer PADR](#)  
Closing date 12 June 2019
- > [Head of Unit Operations Support, Education, Training and Exercise](#)  
Closing date 12 June 2019
- > [Project Officer Counter-IED](#)  
Closing date 12 June 2019
- > [Project Officer Cyber Defence Technology](#)  
Closing date 12 June 2019
- > [Project Officer Engage](#)  
Closing date 12 June 2019
- > [Project Officer CDP & CODABA](#)  
Closing date 12 June 2019
- > [Facility Management Assistant](#)  
Closing date 12 June 2019

All currently [available vacancies are listed here](#).



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