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2020 EDIDP calls published



The Commission has published the 2020 EDIDP [calls for proposals](#). The deadline for submission is 1 December. Information concerning the organisation of an info day will be communicated at a later stage.

New era for the European Defence Skills Partnership



2020 marked the start of the implementation of the [European defence skills strategy](#), developed within the framework of the European Defence Skills Partnership ([EDSP](#)). ASSETS+, a €5 million project receiving Erasmus+ funding, involving a large number of EDSP members, kicked off in January. It will develop training and related activities in the area of new and emerging technologies to meet the needs of the defence sector.

A comprehensive list of [EU funding](#) for skills suitable for the defence sector became available to

create a one-stop-shop at EU level for relevant funding. It can help interested organisations identify the most suitable programme for addressing their skills needs. It is complemented by a selection of [best practices](#) on funding and activities.

Last but not least, a pilot project on a European defence [VET platform](#) kicked off to deliver a demo version and recommendations for a fully-fledged on-line database helping young talents finding their way into the defence sector.

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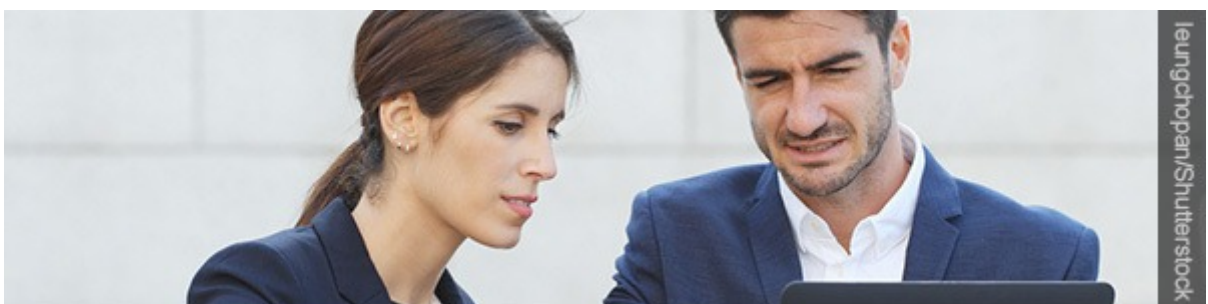
Dual use materials platform goes live



The new Commission [web platform](#) focuses on research and technology that can be applied from civil to defence and/or security applications, and vice versa, and can result in technologies, products, goods and services with one or both types of applications. There is often a strong potential for civil-military collaboration in this type of research and technology.

The platform features an extensive review of existing guidelines on how to best exploit the dual-use potential of your research results.

Launch of a B2B Platform for industry in the area of defence



Recently the European Defence Agency launched its new B2B Platform, an online tool which aims to facilitate cross-border partnerships between European defence industry stakeholders by allowing them to quickly and easily search for potential partners for defence-related projects and programmes. Individual industries may easily experience the tool on their own by registering and accessing the “B2B Platform” [here](#) (via Chrome, Safari, Edge, Firefox).

More practical information on how to use the platform can be found on this new [factsheet explaining the B2B Platform](#).



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