**BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES**

**Call for Tender** for the EDA Study on the impact of REACH and CLP European Chemical Regulations on the defence sector (governmental and industrial stakeholders).

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

**Test & Evaluation Community Days conference in Vienna:** The European DTEB Community meets every three years at the European Test & Evaluation Community Days Conference (TECD). Europe’s government Test Centres, T&E Directors, and European Defence Technology Industry Base (DTIB) representatives meet to exchange information, learn from each other and initiate new T&E Projects, and create strategic networks. The next TECD is envisaged to take place in 2017 in Vienna. More details will be released soon.

**EDA R&T conference on 25 & 26 April 2016:** During the Netherlands Presidency of the EU, the Netherlands Ministry of Defence, in cooperation with the European Defence Agency (EDA), will organise the seminar “Setting priorities for Research and Technology (R&T) in Europe to prepare the future together”. Keep posted on the [EDA website](http://www.eda.europa.eu) for further information.

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**TOOLS OF THE MONTH**

**Handbook for Defence Related SMEs:** The objective of this handbook is to provide defence-related SMEs with simple, smart and short advice on how to get easier access to the defence market. The content covers four main areas: Access to Defence Procurement, Access to Defence Supply Chain, Access to Finance and Support to Innovation.

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**NEWS ABOUT INNOVATION**

**Report of the Group of Personalities on the Preparatory Action for CSDP-related research:** In 2015, the European Commission invited key personalities from European industry, government, the European Parliament and academia to advise it on establishing a Preparatory Action on Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP)-related research ....

**Enhanced RPAS Automation (ERA) project:** The European Defence Agency (EDA) and an industrial consortium led by Airbus Defence and Space have launched a new project to contribute to the integration of Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems (RPAS) into common airspace in Europe.

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**HOT SPOT ON SPECIFIC ISSUES**

**Informal meeting with energy industry representatives and EDA Energy and Environment Working Group (EnE WG) on 31 March 2016:** Industry representatives are invited to highlight their products of interest to Energy in Defence and to offer solutions to existing challenges facing the Defence Sector with a focus on Deployed Camps for this initial meeting. The main objective of is to examine the benefit that can be derived for the EnE WG from engaging in a structured way with industry and to create an industry group which would participate in future selected meetings.