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**INVITATION TO A SPACE FOR DEFENCE INDUSTRY WORKSHOP  
22 APRIL 2024, EDA BRUSSELS**

Annex 1: Preliminary Agenda

Annex 2: EDA Space Industry Workshop Call for Papers

Following the endorsement on 14 November 2023 of the EU Capability Development Plan (CDP 2023) by the EDA Steering Board, EDA will be hosting a dedicated Space for Defence Industry Workshop on 22 April 2024, at EDA premises, rue des Drapiers, 17-23, 100 Brussels, Belgium, in hybrid format. A preliminary agenda is in annex 1 of this invitation.

The public version of the EU Capability Development Priorities is accessible online [here](#).

The objective of this workshop is, on the one hand, to **raise awareness** on the CDP 2023 process in general and on its two space priorities and their potential implementation. On the other hand, **the industrial stakeholder perspectives** on the two CDP 2023 space priorities will be sought, with a view to support Member States in the CDP 2023 implementation by providing respective industrial views and proposals for addressing the identified capability gaps and challenges while creating a stimulating environment for further **cooperation**.

The Workshop aims at bringing together strategic and expert space planners from the defence and industry communities: members of EDA space capability development fora (Defence in Space Forum, Project Teams Satellite Communications, Positioning Navigation and Timing, Space-Based Earth Observation and Ad-Hoc Working Group Space Situational Awareness), representatives of the defence & space industry, and other institutions.

## COMMUNICATION

**The Call for Papers is in annex 2 of this invitation**, to which industry representatives are invited to provide a written submission to EDA, whether addressing all space priorities or a specific key area of the CDP. EDA will invite, after an internal assessment, the selected companies to provide a presentation during the industry workshop, followed by discussion sessions. **The deadline to send the submissions is 22 March 2024.**

Since EDA premises have limited capacity and given the availability of a VTC option, we kindly **request for the industry delegations attending the workshop in person to be composed of no more than one representative**. Those participants whose submissions are selected to be presented during the workshop are automatically allocated a seat. The remaining seats will be distributed among attendants who did not participate in the Call for Papers.

Industry representatives are kindly requested to **confirm their participation not later than 25 March 2024 by completing the online [\[registration form\]](#)**. EDA will confirm the registration to the participants not later than **5 April 2024**. Any request for information or clarification can be addressed to [lucie.lachkar@eda.europa.eu](mailto:lucie.lachkar@eda.europa.eu).

Looking forward to your contributions and to the fruitful discussions.

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**PRELIMINARY AGENDA**  
**EDA SPACE FOR DEFENCE INDUSTRY WORKSHOP**

**22 April 2024**

**(European Defence Agency, Brussels, Belgium; VTC)**

	TIME	TOPIC	REMARKS
1.	0930 – 1000	Arrival, registration and morning coffee	
2.	1000 – 1015	Welcoming words Administrative announcements	EDA
3.	1015 – 1045	The CDP process, the space priorities and their implementation	EDA
4.	1045 – 1115	Key Takeaways of the Defence in Space Forum discussions about the CDP implementation	EDA
5.	1115 – 1130	Eurospace: industry's perspectives about the CDP	Eurospace
6.	1130 – 1300	Session 1: Space Services Presentations and Exchange of views	Industry / All
<b>Lunch Break</b>			
7.	1400 – 1530	Session 2: Space Operations Presentations and Exchange of views	Industry / All
8.	1530 – 1545	Conclusions, way ahead, and closing remarks	EDA

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This Call for Papers will be used to prepare two industry sessions during the EDA Space for Defence Industry Workshop:

- To discuss with the space defence industry the CDP 2023,
- To exchange views on the space capability development priorities, as well as their implementation and the role of industry in the latter.

Through this Call for Papers, industry representatives are invited to provide a written submission to EDA with answers to the prompt posed below. Submissions can address any number of space priorities, both at priority and key area level. All submissions are kindly requested by **not later than 22 March 2024**.

Based on the evaluation criteria listed below, EDA will invite the selected companies to provide a presentation during the workshop, followed by discussions.

### THE 2023 CAPABILITY DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES

In November 2023, the 27 EU Ministers of Defence approved 22 EU Capability Development Priorities, following EDA's Steering Board decision to launch the revision of the CDP<sup>1</sup> in 2022. These 22 priorities reflect the changes in the EU's strategic environment, the political guidance provided by the Strategic Compass as well as lessons observed from Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine. They include fourteen priorities across five military domains, and eight related to strategic enablers and multipliers.

The space domain priorities and key areas, include:

- Space services
  - Space-based Earth Observation
  - Positioning, Navigation and Timing
  - SatCom

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<sup>1</sup> The last CDP was approved in 2018

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- Space operations
  - Space Situational Awareness
  - Access to space
  - Protection of Space Systems

The agreed priorities serve as the baseline for all EU defence related initiatives and instruments, such as the Coordinated Annual Review on Defence (CARD), the Permanent Structured Cooperation (PESCO), the European Defence Fund (EDF) and any future EU defence supporting tools. In line with the Strategic Compass, this set of priorities shall also serve as a prime reference for national defence planning. In addition, they provide a valuable overview of the capability development landscape for the defence industry.

### PROMPT

Provide your view and outlook on the space capability development priorities – or key areas - , as they are defined in the CDP 2023 (the public version of the EU Capability Development Priorities is accessible online [here](#)), and elaborate on those elements in which your activity can support their implementation. Address any capability gaps or challenges, and identify potential ways to close these gaps and meet the challenges.

If appropriate, provide your perspective on any additional topics you deem relevant, such as the challenges and opportunities posed by the implementation of the priorities, the maturity of the technology, the security of the supply chain, their effect on industrial activity, or any propositions related to the space domain.

### INSTRUCTIONS

Submissions should be limited to a maximum of 500 words. Industrial representatives are invited to send their submission **not later than 22 March 2024**, to [lucie.lachkar@eda.europa.eu](mailto:lucie.lachkar@eda.europa.eu) with copy to [CAP@eda.europa.eu](mailto:CAP@eda.europa.eu). Please revert to [lucie.lachkar@eda.europa.eu](mailto:lucie.lachkar@eda.europa.eu) with any questions or clarifications, if necessary.

EDA will assess each submission based on the criteria listed below. The selected representatives will then be invited by EDA to give a 10-minute presentation at the workshop.

The presentations will be dispatched between two different sessions, corresponding to the two new space priorities. Submissions may address any space priorities, both at priority and key area level. Each session will allow time for an exchange of views among participants.

### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

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**European** – Submissions will only be accepted from defence and defence related industry established within the EDA participating Member States based on EDA’s approach towards industry engagement<sup>2</sup>.

### EVALUATION CRITERIA

**Cooperation** – As the end state is the provision of solutions for multinational task forces, the level of interoperability and the added value of cooperation should be considered in the submission.

**Precision** – Replies must be tailored to the prompt, referring directly to the revised CDP and the space priorities.

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<sup>2</sup> When engaging industries on EDA prioritisation tools (CDP/SCC, OSRA, KSA), the Agency invites industries established in pMS that do not have limitations stemming from entities outside the pMS. Such limitations could refer to intellectual property rights, security of supply, security of information or export control.