European Cooperation on skills in defence

European symposium

EU funding for defence & dual use research and innovation synergies

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Defence Skills Policy Approach

→ European Defence Action Plan – EDAP
→ European Defence Fund
→ Blueprint for sectoral cooperation on skills
  → SMEs-midcaps-primes / EU-national-regional levels

1. Gathering evidence and developing a sectoral strategy → COSME
2. Supporting the setting-up of a European Sector Skills Partnership and implement solutions → COSME & Erasmus+
3. Rolling out scalable & sustainable actions at national-regional → ESIF
Implementation Approach

Stakeholder engagement & common strategy

→ COSME project March '18 – March 2019

19 June: Launch European Defence Skills Partnership

Jun-Oct 2018: Meetings of members to contribute to the Vision on defence-related skills in Europe for today & tomorrow

Nov-Feb 2019: Meetings on specific topics

March 2019: European Strategy on skills in defence

March 2019: High level conference to launch the implementation of the strategy and align with EDF!
Strategy Implementation phase

Stakeholder engagement to develop solutions

- Erasmus+ 2019 Sector Skills Alliances Lot 3 (Blueprint sectors) call in end October 2018 will include defence technologies
  - €4 million, 4 years, multi-partner & multi-country consortia: One successful selected proposal will be awarded to develop solutions for closing identified skills gaps in the sector.
  - Project proposal may envisage synergies with other instruments

- New COSME call on defence skills envisaged to ensure continuation of EDSP activities in alignment with EDF and strengthen synergies

- 2021-2027: Roll out and replicate successful actions at national and regional levels using ESIF