



## INVITATION

### First European Defence Innovation Day

#### Conference & Exhibition

Brussels – Tuesday, 31 May 2022

Dear Madam, dear Sir,

It is my great pleasure to invite you to the first **European Defence Innovation Day**, organised by the European Defence Agency under the auspices of the French Presidency of the Council of the European Union.

The first European Defence Innovation Day will take place on **Tuesday, 31 May 2022** at the Blue Point Brussels venue, located at 80 Boulevard Auguste Reyers, 1030 Brussels.

Ever faster technological change is setting the pace of our societies and everyone's life. It is no different in the defence realm: the level of protection a state or a group of countries can provide to its citizens is tantamount to its ability to embrace and use technological progress. Interestingly, our armed forces today often make use of civilian applications and services developed and produced by private high-tech companies. Hence, the need for Ministries of Defence to team up with today's civilian innovators to ensure we can also, in the future, efficiently fulfil our role to secure and protect our citizens.

The first European Defence Innovation Day provides a timely opportunity to further ignite innovation in European defence and maximise synergies between civilian innovation and defence. A high-level conference will be coupled with a dedicated exhibition which will showcase and demonstrate European excellence in defence innovation. A draft programme is included to this invitation.

Please register for this event via the following link before Monday **16 May 2022**:

[European Defence Innovation Day - Conference & Exhibition - Home \(europa.eu\)](https://europa.eu/european-defence-innovation-day).

Once your registration is complete, a confirmation email will follow to validate it. Places are limited and will be confirmed on a first come, first served basis.

We are looking forward to an intellectually stimulating and enjoyable conference and to meeting many of you in person.



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