

## High Level Conference

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# Launch of the European Defence Skills Partnership

19 June 2018, MCE Conference & Business Centre, Brussels

## Conference Programme

- 9.00** Registration
- 9.30** **Mr Philippe Brunet**, Director Space Policy, Copernicus and Defence –  
Welcome to attendees
- 9.35** *High level panel – Towards a European defence skills strategy, chaired  
and moderated by Ms Lowri Evans, DG GROWTH Director-General*

**Ms Lowri Evans**

**Mr Antoine Bouvier**, CEO of MBDA

**Mr Martin Sion**, Safran CEO of Safran Electronics & Defence

**Mr Giovanni Soccodato**, Chief Strategy and Innovation Officer,  
**Leonardo SpA**

Discussion followed by Q&A

- 11.00** Break
- 11.30** *Panel discussion – Key areas for the European Defence Skills Partnership  
- EDSP, moderated by Mr Alain Alexis, Head of Unit for Defence, DG  
GROWTH*

**European skills strategy** – Mr Alain Alexis

**Education and training** – Bert-Jan Buiskool, Senior Expert,  
Ockham IPS

**Erasmus+ funding opportunities for the defence sector** – Alison  
Crabb, Head of Unit for Skills and Qualifications, DG Employment

**Addressing skills for defence SMEs at regional level and the  
potential of European Structural and Investment Funds** – Mr  
Francois Leraillez, Expert, Fondation Agissons pour l'emploi –  
F.A.P.E.

**Synergies with relevant initiatives and instruments and fostering  
the knowledge triangle** – Mr Klaus Bolving, CEO Defence &  
Security Cluster – CenSec

Discussion followed by Q&A

**13.00**            Networking Lunch

**14.00**            **The way forward in implementing solutions on skills in defence**  
– Elektra Tsigaridas, Policy Officer, DG GROWTH

#### **PARALELL SESSIONS**

<b>14.20</b>	<b>Erasmus+ Sector Skills Alliances Lot 3 for implementing the Blueprint for Sectoral Cooperation on Skills</b> – Felix Rohn, Policy Officer, DG Employment	<b>1<sup>st</sup> EDSP WORKING GROUP MEETING</b> – closed session in parallel meeting room until 17.30 (with a break from 15.30 to 16.00 for participation to the networking session)
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**14.30**

**Hands-on information on how to  
prepare an application** – Vytaute  
Ezerskiene, Project Manager,  
EACEA

**Q&A**

**15.15 – 16.00**

**Matchmaking for consortia  
building for the Erasmus+ Sector  
Skills Alliance Lot 3 for defence  
technologies call** – open to all event  
participants