

High Level Conference
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Launch of the European Defence Skills Partnership

19 June 12018, MCE Conference & Business Centre, Brussels

Draft Programme

9.00 Registration

9.30 Welcome to Attendees

Mr Philippe Brunet, Director Space Policy, Copernicus and Defence, DG
GROWTH, European Commission

9.35 High level panel – Towards a European defence skills strategy

*Chaired and Moderated by **Ms Lowri Evans**, DG GROWTH, Director-General,
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Mr Philipe Petitcolin, Safran CEO (tbc)

Mr Alessandro Profumo, Leonardo CEO (tbc)

Mr Antoine Bouvier, MBDA CEO (tbc)

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 Commission*

European skills strategy – Mr Alain Alexis, Head of Unit for Defence,
DG GROWTH, European Commission

Education and training – Mr 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, European Commission

European Structural and Investment Funds for addressing skills at national and regional levels – 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

AFTERNOON PARALELL SESSIONS

	1. EDSP CORE WORKING GROUP MEETING	2. ERASMUS+ 2018 CALL
14.00		Past experience, Requirements, Implementation mode and Eligibility criteria , EU Commission
17.00 - end	Work progress and consensus on first findings , EDSP members	Matchmaking for consortia building – open to all event participants