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## The new Defence White Paper: its role and opportunities for the Dutch economy

**In March, the Defence White Paper 2018 was submitted to the Dutch House of Representatives. The Ministry of Defence will invest in human resources and materiel for a stronger adaptive force. The Netherlands will then be able to better respond to international geopolitical developments, which have become unpredictable and complex.**

Dutch industry would like to co-operate with the Ministry of Defence in responding to these developments. Security and stability are of the utmost necessity for an open economy like that of the Netherlands. Dutch companies possess enough knowledge and innovation to respond to the developments and to create new employment. The key question at the event on 15 May at VNO-NCW was how the Ministry of Defence and Dutch industry can support and strengthen each other. The White Paper is not only about materiel but mainly about human resources. How can industry and the military co-operate regarding the career prospects of employees?

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During the event on 15 May, the Minister of Defence shared her views on these topics. Mr Arend Jan Boekestijn presented his views on the issue with a special focus on Franco-German co-operation in Europe. Members of the House of Representatives, Andre Bosman, Salima Belhaj en Hanke Bruins Slot, were also present to discuss the challenges with NIDV Director Ron Nulkes, Michelle Postma (Fox-IT), Gerben Edelijn (Thales), Michiel van der Maat (GKN/Fokker), René Berkvens (Damen) and Reginald Visser (Maritime Knowledge Centre). The event was chaired by Rens de Jong.

A new covenant for the "Defence Business" (Platform Defensie Bedrijfsleven) platform was signed with the NIDV, Bouwend Nederland, Bovag, FME, Koninklijke Metaalunie, Nederland ICT, TLN, VNO-NCW and MKBNederland.

**You can watch the film about the event [here](#).**

**You can read the press release of the event [here](#).**

**You can read the attachment to the press release [here](#).**

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## Secretary of State Visser has sent 15 letters for new materiel

**State Secretary for Defence Visser recently sent 15 so-called A-letters to the House of Representatives.**

In a separate letter, she informed members of the House of Representatives about the coherence of the different projects.



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All investments are highly necessary. The Navy, in particular, is looking for new ships to increase its effectiveness. These include a second support ship, a combat support ship, and the replacement of the two multipurpose frigates and six mine countermeasures vessels.

The combat support ship needs to be deployed in 2023. The advantage of this purchase is that knowledge and expertise from earlier projects can be re-used, and that the maintenance of the materiel and education and training of the personnel will be facilitated.

The two new frigates are also highly necessary. The multipurpose frigates are responsible for anti-submarine warfare, a capability which is strongly needed by NATO. The current frigates need spare parts, which are often not available. This leads to dissatisfaction and extraordinarily high maintenance costs. The first new frigate is expected to be available in 2025. This will be a joint acquisition with Belgium, with the Netherlands as lead nation.

The six current mine countermeasures vessels are from the '80s and therefore no longer capable of tracing modern mines. The future fleet will include unmanned mine countermeasures surface vehicles, which will be deployed from a safe distance by a manned mine countermeasures vessel. The Navy will receive the vessels (manned and unmanned) between 2025 and 2030. Belgium and the Netherlands have decided to have one joint acquisition project with Belgium as lead nation.

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## Information event: European Defence Fund

**Within the European Union, there are currently several projects in the area of defence, such as research and industry development. In December 2016, it was announced in the European Defence Action Plan that these activities will be combined within the European Defence Fund (EDF) from 2021.**

NIDV encourages its participants to actively participate in meetings about the EDF. As a service, NIDV-participants will receive a NIDV EU newsletter when major developments arise. The first NIDV EU newsletter was sent out on 6 April and featured an overview of the first projects that the Netherlands is interested in during the EDIDP phase in 2019 and 2020. The next NIDV EU newsletter will be published in due course and will deal with the recent announcement of a Multiannual Framework, especially the budget for defence and security.

As announced on the Europe Day on 6 April, we are holding a few regional sessions during which you will be informed about the current situation and the possibilities and requirements for participation. The first session was held on 15 May on the High Tech Campus in Eindhoven with 45 participants. More sessions will follow.

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# Project Notifications

**All NIDV-participants receive a weekly update of soon-to-be-published tenders from the Ministry of Defence.**

As the official Defence and Security industry association in the Netherlands, we are in close contact with the Ministry of Defence and can inform our participants about materiel projects before they are published on the official website.

**If you are a participant and have not received our weekly updates, please contact Anne Brockherde, [a.brockherde@nidv.eu](mailto:a.brockherde@nidv.eu).**

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# Industrial Participation Day

**On Wednesday 25 April 2018 the NIDV held its yearly International Participation Day with Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs) from abroad.**



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Together with 100 representatives from NIDV-participants, the OEMs used the Pitch & Match tool to plan a large number of meetings. The aim of the IPD was for NIDV participants and OEMs to meet, share knowledge of products and services, and discuss the possibilities of producing new materiel for the Ministry of Defence.

Prior to the meeting, Mr Jan Christiaan Dicke, Commissioner of Military Production at the Ministry of Economic Affairs met visitors to inform them about the Dutch International Participation Policy.

Approximately 200 meetings were arranged. The NIDV participants used the meetings as opportunities to meet and greet. The day was a great success with many opportunities offered by the NIDV.

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# Announcements

## Funding opportunities at the Netherlands Enterprise Agency.

On 6 June, the NIDV and the Netherlands Enterprise Agency (RVO) of the Ministry of Economic Affairs & Climate are holding an information event about funding possibilities for the Dutch Defence and Security industry. While covering issues ranging from economic missions to support in the area of innovation, the RVO's 'ambassadors' Rob Overkleeft and Herman Brouwer will explain the following programmes for you:

- WBSO (fiscal support to motivate innovations)
- Innovation credit
- International funding opportunities
- Support for economic missions

Paul Kruis, the point of contact for the Horizon 2020 programme, will also be present.

In addition to the presentation of funding opportunities, there will be time to discuss individual cases, with an opportunity for follow-up and networking.

All NIDV-participants have recently received an invitation for the event and can register on the intranet.

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# Full Circle Compliance: Summer School

**Full Circle Compliance is holding a summer school in June on US- export control laws and regulations, including the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR) and the Export Administration Regulations (EAR).**



Full Circle Compliance Presents

**Summer Course U.S. Export Controls: ITAR & EAR**

12 June 2018, Landgoed Groenhoven, Bruchem, NL

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The one-day course will take place on 12 June between 10 am and 4 pm at the Landgoed Groenhoven in Bruchem. The course is designed for new compliance officers and those who want to enhance their knowledge of the latest ITAR/EAR requirements and best practices.

The course will cover multiple topics regarding US export controls that apply to non-US transactions, such as the regulatory framework, key concepts and definitions, classification and licencing requirements, dealing with (potential) non-compliance issues, and essential steps to ensure compliance with the ITAR and EAR.

**For more information, please visit the [website of Full Circle Compliance](#). To register, please complete the [Registration Form \(HERE\)](#) and submit it to [events@fullcirclecompliance.eu](mailto:events@fullcirclecompliance.eu).**

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## Agenda NIDV 2018

<b>29 until 31 May</b>	CANSEC	Ottawa
<b>5 June</b>	4th Master Class in European Procurement	The Hague
<b>11 until 15 June</b>	Eurosatory	Paris
<b>22 June</b>	Regional session	Delft
<b>29 June</b>	Deep-dive session: Military Airworthiness	The Hague
<b>1 July</b>	Trade seminar on Vietnam	Hanoi
<b>3 July</b>	NMC Annual Assembly	Wageningen
<b>3 until 5 July</b>	Non-Conventional Threat (NCT) Europe event	Vught
<b>12 September</b>	5th Master Class on European Procurement	The Hague
<b>25 September</b>	Defence Project Day	Utrecht
<b>22 October</b>	Euronaval	Paris
<b>15 November</b>	NIDV Symposium	Rotterdam
<b>27 until 28 November</b>	Berlin Security Conference	Berlin

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