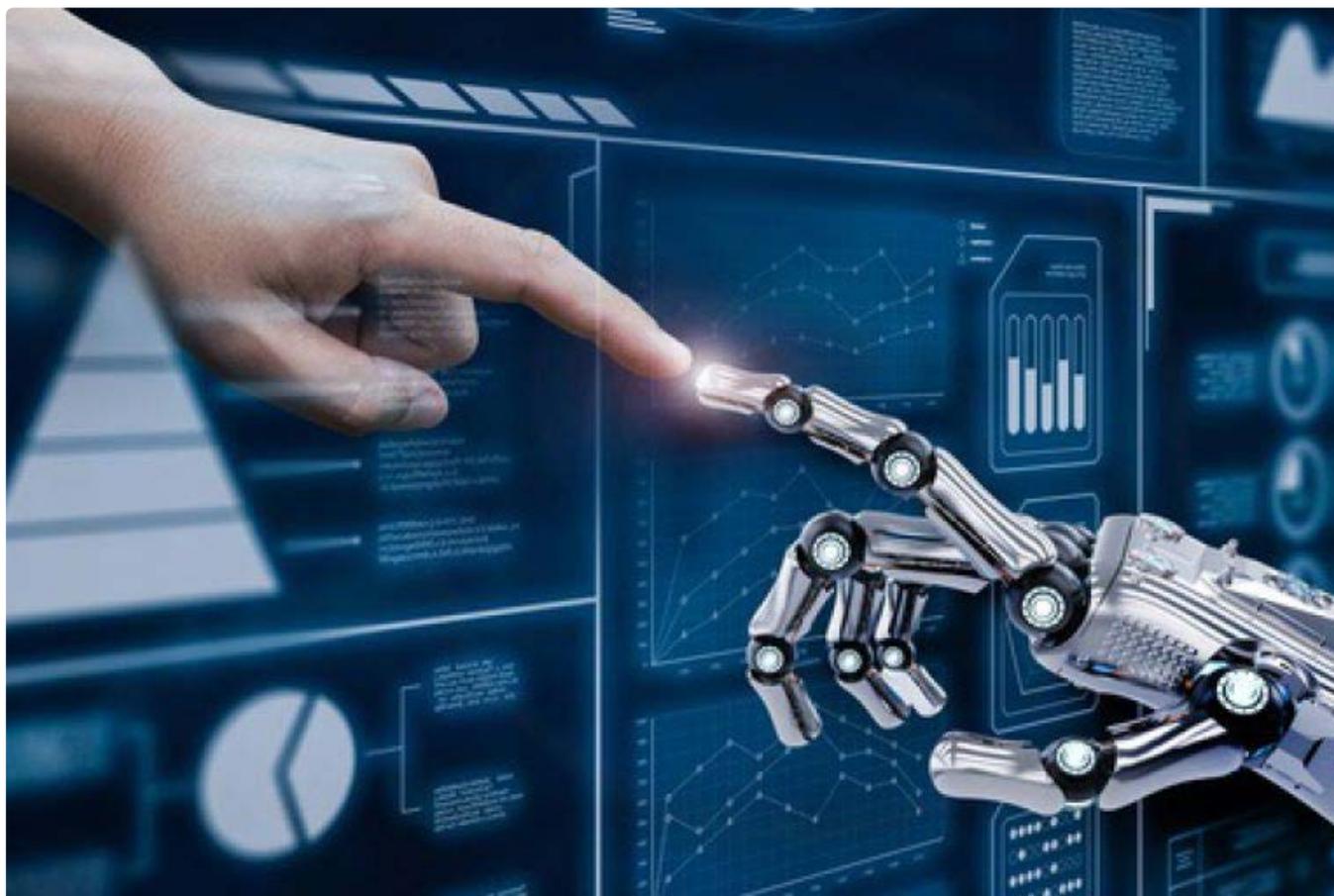


AI Platform European Commission

Companies can now officially join the European AI Alliance – a forum engaged in a broad and open discussion of all aspects of Artificial Intelligence development and its impacts.



Members of the European AI Alliance can interact in a forum-style setting with the experts of the High Level Expert Group on Artificial Intelligence (AI HLEG), established by the European Commission. By signing up to the Alliance, members will find this a dedicated platform where they can offer input and feedback to the AI HLEG.

The platform encourages broad participation in the policy-making process of the European Commission. Feedback will be sought on specific (closed or open) questions, as well as on draft documents prepared by the AI HLEG under a section dedicated thereto. A specific events section will keep members informed of the upcoming relevant meetings and events, which the Commission is either organising or taking part in, and members will also be able to register their own event on the platform. In addition, members will be able to access official documents on AI, and contribute reports and papers to an open library.

The European Commission plans to host its first Annual AI Alliance Conference in 2019.

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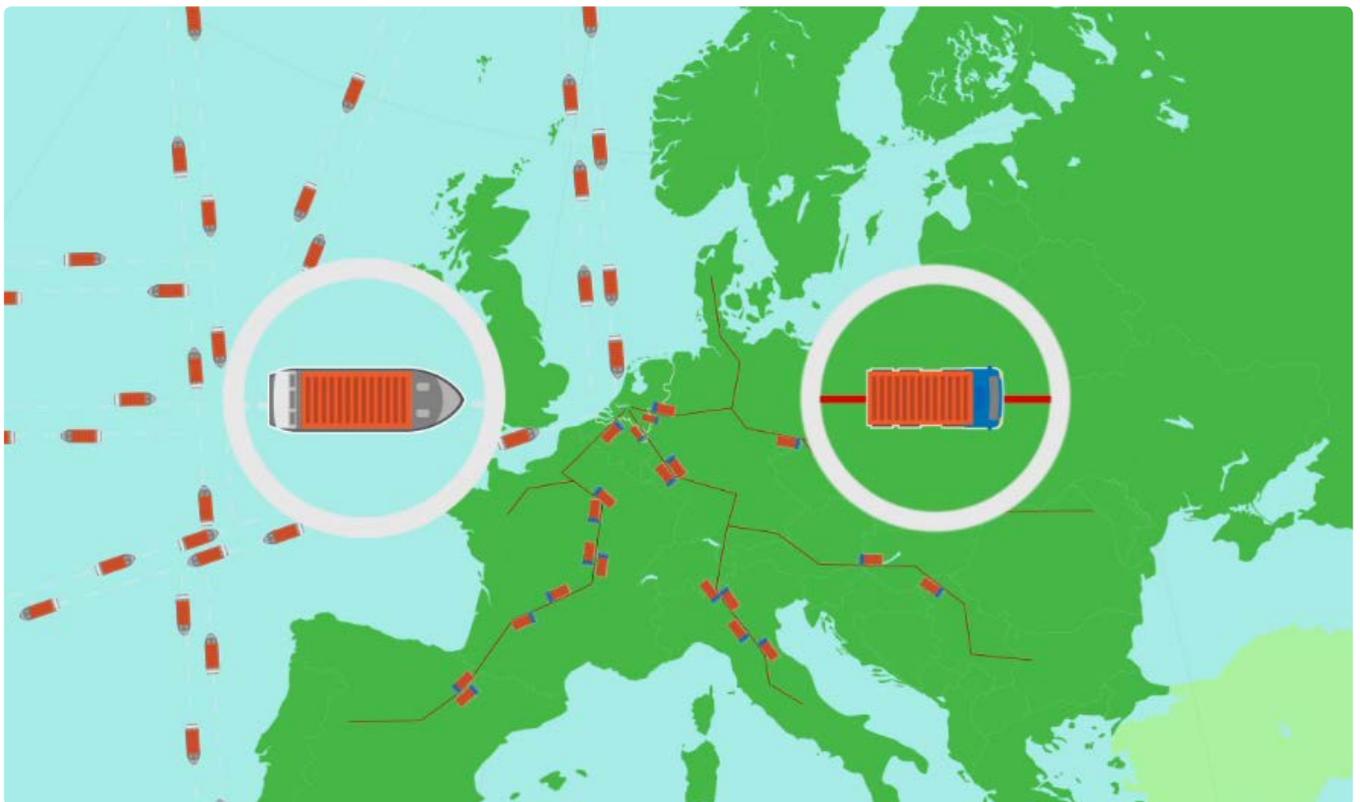
Topics of VIC and DIC 2019 published

The topics of the Defence Innovation Competition (DIC) and Security Innovation Competition (VIC) for this year have been published.

The topic of the DIC2019 will be Smart Robotics for the ground forces. The competition will start with a publication of the tender this spring. The winner will receive €200,000 excluding VAT to develop the winning idea into a prototype.

The topic of this year's VIC is 'Smart Harbour Rotterdam'. To guarantee a safe future of the Harbour Rotterdam, a successful cooperation between security partners is necessary. Significant data flows need to be shared and combined by relevant stakeholders. The 42km large area of the harbour of Rotterdam is a very dynamic surrounding. Digital information flows play a significant role in it being the best harbour in Europe. It is the dynamic in digital developments that form the challenges for the relevant stakeholders concerning security. The stakeholders are the national police, the Royal Netherlands Marechaussee, customs inspection, the fire brigade, and the security area Rotterdam-Rijnmond. Using advanced technology, they all work together to keep the harbour safe. However, technology is always changing and new challenges keep coming.

SMEs and startups will be able to apply for these competitions with their innovative ideas.



More information about the DIC will be published soon.

The tender for the VIC2019 can be found [here](#).

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Americans hand over the first operational F-35 to the Netherlands



The Royal Netherlands Airforce received their first operational F-35 four weeks ago. The American company Lockheed Martin handed over the combat aircraft in Fort Worth, Texas, during the so-called “roll out ceremony”. This year Lockheed Martin will deliver another five F-35s. The Royal Netherlands Airforce uses the aircraft for training in the United States. At the end of 2019, the first two F-35s will be expected in the Netherlands. These two jets, built by Italian company Cameri, will be based in Leeuwarden.

The handover of the third aircraft was attended by State Secretary Minister of Economic Affairs and Climate, Mona Keijzer; the Chief of Defence, Lieutenant Rob Bauer; the Commander of the Royal Netherlands Air Force, Lieutenant General Dennis Luyt; and the director of the Defence Material Organisation and NL Armaments, Vice Admiral Arie-Jan de Waard. The NIDV was represented by Chairman Hans Hillen, director Ron Nulkes, and Business Development Manager Peter Huis in 't Veld.

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NL-NSPA Industry Day

On 24 January 2019, the Defence Material Organisation, NIDV and the NSPA organised an Industry Day in Luxembourg. The NSPA celebrated its 60th anniversary last year, which was a good opportunity to organise the first industry day for the Netherlands after some time.

With 25 NIDV participants and PMO Company participants, the main goal was to inform and actively involve the industry parties.

The day began with a presentation by Mr. Dohmen, who reported on both the growing attractiveness of the agency and the growing business opportunities for the Dutch industry. Patrick Fesquet, Head of Procurement, explained how to do business with the NSPA and how the procurement procedure works. There were also presentations about NSPA capacities regarding operations (mission support) and life cycle management. In the afternoon, there was the possibility for one-on-one conversations and a registration in the NSPA source file (essential to do business with NSPA). During the short breaks there was time to network with the NSPA.

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JIVC Work Conference

ON 9 and 10 January 2019, the NIDV participated in the IT work conference of the Joint IV Command (JIVC). The conference, held at the National Military Museum in Soesterberg, was about the establishment of the JIVC, the Defence IT organisation, on 1 January this year. The clustered JIVC and Operations Command (OPS) are part of the Defence Material Organisation and form the IT supplier of Defence for its partners. They are responsible for the development, maintenance, procurement, spending, and disposal of all IT tools that the Ministry of Defence use. Approximately 3,000 people work at JIVC in different locations in the Netherlands.

The opening was moderated by the director of the JIVC, Ron Kolkman, in the absence of the State Secretary of Defence, the Chief of Defence, the director of the Defence Material Organisation, commanders and many other invitees. Mr Kolkman indicated that he wants to be ahead of the technical developments in IT. He also discussed the importance of cooperation with the operational commands and relevant stakeholders: "We will fundamentally renew our IT with the help of the cooperation with the market." The Defence IT strategy was also elaborated upon.

During the two days, presentations were given on a broad scale of IT topics such as 'Human factors in IT', 'Rationalisations of the IV-landscape', 'Maritime software developments', and 'The contribution of JIVC to the arrival of the F-35'. The conference was very successful and it underlined the relevance of the cooperation with stakeholders in the market.

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NIDV signed MoU with NDIA

On 28 January 2019, the Chairman of the NIDV, Hans Hillen, and his American counterpart signed a Memorandum of Understanding on the cooperation between the National Defence Industrial Association (NDIA) and the NIDV. In the coming months, the Netherlands Embassy in the United States will prepare a US-NL Defence and Security Industry day which will take place after the summer.



The NDIA has about 1,600 corporate members of which the highest concentration is on the East Coast of the U.S. The NIDV and NDIA strive to participate in both events for an even better cooperation.

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Harmonization of European export regulations necessary

The NIDV is pleased that the policy regarding export licenses for the Defence and security-related industry is once again on the agenda of the Lower House (Tweede Kamer). Given the increasing integration of European armed forces and industries stimulated by, among others, the European Defence Fund, the NIDV is in favor of harmonizing the interpretation of European export regulations. As is known, the European Commission (EC) and the member states make financial resources available to realize a more effective European Defence cooperation. The EC also wants to strengthen the European Defence technological and industrial base. The NIDV is working together with the Ministry of Defence, the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Climate and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to make this a success for the Netherlands as well. An interdepartmental coordination group for European Defence cooperation (EDC), of which director NIDV is a member, and the special representative EDC appointed by the ministry of Economic Affairs and Climate and the ministry of Defence, contribute to this.

If the export policy within Europe is not better coordinated, Dutch companies will have problems to act as the leader of a consortium within that European Defence Fund. Dutch companies will also be less welcome to join other consortia, for example consortia led by a French company. This makes the export of products to countries outside of Europe more difficult. It does not help the creation of a European Defence and industry if member states continue to emphasize their own positions. In fact, emphasizing their own position is in conflict with the idea behind cooperation and even actively impedes cooperation. Companies in the Netherlands also encounter problems when applying for other financial incentive schemes from the

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Dutch government; on the one hand they are well supported on their way to participate in the successful F-35 program in which the Netherlands participates, but on the other hand subsidies are refused because they participate in this program.

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Masterclass Full Circle Compliance

Full Circle Compliance now welcomes registrations for its renewed awareness training course "U.S. Export Controls: the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR) and Export Administration Regulations (EAR) from a non-U.S. perspective."

This one-day training course will take place on Tuesday 9 April 2019, at their Landgoed Groenhoven office in Bruchem, the Netherlands, and is ideally suited for compliance professionals and those in a similar role who wish to stay up to date with the latest U.S. export control requirements that apply to non-U.S. transactions and the industry's best practices.

More information can be found [here](#).



Agenda

26 February 2019	Connection Day Thales	Hengelo
22 March 2019	NAVO Benelux Industry Day	Brussels
3 April 2019	Purple Nectar Visitors Day	Amersfoort
11 April 2019	International Participation Day	Hoofddorp
17 April 2019	NIDV Annual Assembly	Oirschot
24 May 2019	Europe Day	Utrecht
14-15 June 2019	Open Days Royal Airforce	Volkel
4 July	Annual Assembly NMC	tbd
23 September 2019	Defence Project Day	Utrecht
28 November 2019	NIDV Symposium	Rotterdam

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