



**INVITATION
EU-UKRAINE DEFENCE INDUSTRY FORUM**

On behalf of the European External Action Service, the European Commission, the Ministry of Defence of Ukraine, and the Ministry for Strategic Industries of Ukraine:

We have the pleasure to invite you to the **2nd EU-Ukraine Defence Industry Forum (DFNC2)** on:

Monday, May 12th, 2025, from 9.00 to 18.30
at The SQUARE Brussels Meeting Centre, Mont des Arts, 1000 Brussels

The Forum is co-organised by the European External Action Service, the European Commission and the Ukrainian government. The organisation is supported by the Polish Presidency of the Council of the European Union, the European Defence Agency, and the Aerospace, Security and Defence Industries Association of Europe (ASD). The first edition of the Forum on 6 May 2024 demonstrated its value as a platform for dialogue between the EU and Ukrainian authorities and industries.

The White Paper for European Defence - Readiness 2030, presented by the Commission and High Representative on 19 March 2025, called for enhanced military support to Ukraine, associating Ukraine into EU-level activities for the common development and procurement of defence capabilities, and integration of the Ukrainian defence industry into the European Defence Technological and Industrial Base (EDTIB).

In this context, the second EU-Ukraine Defence Industry Forum (DFNC2), will be a timely opportunity to take stock of the progress and plans in terms of providing military assistance, and identify further avenues for EU-Ukraine industrial cooperation, with the aim of integrating the Ukrainian defence industry into the EDTIB.

The Forum will consist of two sessions:

- During the **High-Level Conference** in the morning, keynote speakers and panellists will outline Ukrainian defence priorities, the latest developments in terms of military assistance to Ukraine and support to its defence industry, as well as the ambitions from the White Paper. Industry panels will particularly allow to take stock of progress in cooperation activities between EU and Ukrainian defence industries, and draw lessons from companies' experience in joint ventures, including challenges and bottlenecks. Defence industry representatives will have the possibility to share views on how policy-makers at the EU level, in Member States, Ukraine and Norway can best incentivise cooperation among defence industries, including across sectors.
- In the afternoon, a **Companies' Matchmaking Event** will provide opportunities for **EU based, Norwegian and Ukrainian aerospace, security and defence companies** to engage on industry segments and capabilities identified by Ukraine, with the support of the B2match platform for advance booking of meetings. The afternoon session will also provide an opportunity for a number of stakeholders from both the EU and Ukraine to present their activities in support of defence industrial cooperation through display materials.



ATTENDANCE - IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Representatives of governments and industry of EU Member States, Norway and Ukraine are invited to take part in the Forum.

Attendance to the Forum is in-person only and limited to two representatives per company.

You are kindly to register by **29 April 2025 COB**, via the registration link below.

Participation is limited to 200 industry representatives from entities based in the EU and in Norway. Invitations to Ukrainian entities will be circulated by the Ukrainian government via a separate communication channel.

To ensure a balance between European and Ukrainian companies, a fair geographical representation among European companies, and taking into account the defence industrial needs identified by the Ukrainian government, **the organisers will confirm participation to registered participants.**

Please kindly note that submitting this registration form does not guarantee participation in the event. You will receive a separate confirmation email if your registration is approved. Only presentation of this confirmation email will guarantee access to the venue.

This confirmation email will contain guidelines to access the B2match platform, the IT application that will allow you to pre-schedule meetings during the Matchmaking Event.

[REGISTRATION LINK](#)

We look forward to your participation.

The organising teams of the European External Action Service, the European Commission, the Ukrainian Ministry of Strategic Industries and the Ukrainian Ministry of Defence

**2nd EU-Ukraine Defence Industry Forum
DFNC2 EU Edition
The Square Brussels – 12 May 2025**

Tentative Programme (as 15 April)	
09:00 - 9:30	<i>Registration</i>
	Opening Keynotes
9:30 - 10:10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kaja Kallas, High Representative and Vice President of the European Commission Andrius Kubilius, Commissioner for Defence and Space Representatives from the Ukrainian Government
	Opportunities and challenges in EU-Ukraine defence industrial integration
10:10 - 11:10	EU and Ukrainian defence industry representatives will share views on how the EU, Ukraine, and Member States can best incentivise cooperation among defence industries. This will allow to share success stories as well as the challenges and bottlenecks in international industrial cooperation.
11:10 - 11:30	<i>Coffee Break</i>
	Between military assistance and integration: European support to Ukraine
11:30 - 12:30	Decision-makers will present initiatives at EU and Member State level to provide continued military assistance boost defence industrial cooperation, and opportunities stemming from the Joint White Paper on European Defence Readiness 2030.
	Defence and space innovation-a prerequisite for a strong DTIB
12:30 - 13:30	An enhanced Ukrainian access to EU space assets and services could help reinforcing Ukraine’s defence capacities. New solutions to support Ukrainian access to commercial space-based services from EU providers, would also contribute to its overall resilience. In this panel, representatives from the defence and space industries will explore options to strengthen EU-Ukraine strategic cooperation, and bolster EU and Ukrainian overall competitiveness.
13:30 - 14:30	<i>Networking Lunch</i>
14:30 - 14:50	Opening



	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Keynote by Michał Baranowski, Under-secretary of State for Economic Development and Technology, Polish Presidency of the Council of the European Union• Remarks from the Ukrainian Government and the European defence industry
Defence Companies Matchmaking with exhibitions stands	
14:50 - 17:50	<p>EU, NO and Ukrainian companies will be able to book meetings with each other with the support of a matchmaking application to discuss opportunities and network in designated rooms.</p> <p>During the matchmaking session, stands and workshops will allow selected stakeholders to present their activities in support of Ukraine and defence industrial cooperation.</p>
17:50 - 18:00	Closing