



The New Normal in Defence and Security - What are the Latest Requirements and Solutions?

Event organised by AFCEA Europe

This will be an IN PERSON event, with virtual participation possible for attendees.

Call for Papers

AFCEA Europe is pleased to officially launch the **Call for Papers** for [AFCEA Europe's TechNet International #New](#), taking place on **14 – 15 September 2021** in **Brussels, Belgium**. The venue is The Square.

“NATO sharpens its technological edge....Working with industry helps to avoid gaps in defence capabilities...”

- Jens Stoltenberg, 2021 NATO Summit, 14 June

In the rapidly and fundamentally changing environment in the new era of big powers competition, defence and security of NATO and EU member states rely more than ever on gaining and maintaining a technological advantage. Along with many other factors, equipping warfighters with the best solutions is critical for maintaining this momentum and is key for securing peace in these very volatile times. This cannot be done without industry, even from non-traditional sectors, which can provide the most advanced technologies, systems and ideas to the western alliances but is also capable of showing the art of the possible.

Such a need for intensified cooperation is widely recognised

- by NATO, just having started the development of a new strategy including an approach to make Emerging and Disruptive Technologies (EDT) better accessible, and
- by the *European Union* who is ramping up work towards a defence union by fostering a defence industrial base and cross-harvesting established and new technologies from non-traditional sectors beyond the defence and security community
- and of course, by the *nations*, who are the core of both of these entities.

After the past period of COVID-19 restrictions and following the mission of AFCEA to connect people, ideas and solutions which it has successfully done for 75 years now, it is time to re-connect and discuss new requirements, new concepts, new products, new solutions in person. Such an exchange of ideas should be offered in the closest proximity to where our governmental partners are located. That is why AFCEA

Europe invites you to participate in **AFCEA TechNet International #New Forum and Exhibition 14 - 15 September 2021 at The Square**, right in the heart of **Brussels** and inform the NATO and EU IT community based in Brussels and SHAPE about what technology your company has to offer.

The audience will be the senior expert level from NATO HQ, NATO ESC, NATO DI, NCIA, ACO, EU DG DEFIS, EU DG CNECT, EDA, US DISA and many other NATO and EU entities.

If your company is active in these fields of **defence-related technologies, we want to see you there.**

5G ecosystem	Information and Intelligence Fusion
AI	Information Operations, Assurance and Security
Application Software	JADC2
Battlefield Management Systems	Knowledge Enabled Logistics
Big Data Solutions	Knowledge Management & Leadership
Cloud Computing	Decision Making
Common Operating Picture (COP)	Mobile Solutions
Communications	Mobile working in defence
Computer & Peripherals	Multi-Domain Operations
Cryptography	Radio Frequency Identification (RFID)
Cyber Security	Satellite Communications
Data Analytics	Secure Comms - Voice and Data
Data Encryption	Secure Tracker System
Data Manipulation and Analytical Tools	Shared Intel Databases at Multiple Security
Data Mining & Warehousing	Levels
Data strategy in the enterprise	Simulations & Modeling
Digitalisation and digital transformation	Space
in Armed Forces today	Tactical Communications
Disruptive Technologies	Technologies on the battlefield
Edge Computing	Unmanned Systems
Electronic Warfare & Detection	Visualisation Technologies
Global Positioning Systems	VTC - C2 System
Green IT	Wireless Communications
	Wireless Solutions, Networking and Security
	Zero Trust

We are interested in what companies have to offer regarding the subjects above or **extraordinary insight in new technological progress** or **announcements regarding a technological break-through.**

If you have a contribution related to these topics, please feel free to submit an abstract.

Speakers will be chosen according to their level (higher ranking speakers will have priority), their speaking abilities and presence, the content of their proposed abstract and relevance to the session theme and to the overall theme of the conference. We would like to have diverse speakers and also highly encourage women to submit an abstract. Small and Medium Enterprises and Start-Ups are especially welcome.

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Marketing pitches from industry are not welcome. Instead, impressing the audience with your general expertise and technology experience would make the difference. The selected companies will be highly encouraged to support their speaking role with a sponsorship package. All exhibitors and sponsors are eligible to submit an abstract for consideration to have a speaking role. These events would not be possible without the support of industry.

Please use the [abstract submission form here](#) to be considered.

Sponsors and exhibitors will have priority on speaking roles. Here you can see the [sponsorship and exhibit opportunities](#) for the event.

For questions, please contact [Mandy Rizzo](#).