



*Navigating through a Sea of Data – Challenges for Secure and Efficient Reinforcement and Military Mobility in Europe/NATO*

## Call for Papers

AFCEA Europe is pleased to officially launch the **Call for Papers** for [AFCEA Europe Conference and Exposition](#), taking place on **29 – 30 September 2020** in **Stuttgart, Germany**.

**This event is scheduled to take place, as planned.** AFCEA Europe is constantly monitoring the situation with COVID-19. We will announce any changes to the event on the event website if any are made.

The goal of this conference is to explore areas of concern and options for a better cooperation regarding how to ensure the **safety, security and functionality in the Rear Area** and **ensure Military Mobility that allows for the rapid reinforcement of troops into Europe and within Europe** with partners of all domains, and to learn how international industry is managing challenges today. Technology and solutions for handling and securing the vast amount of diverse information involved is at the core of these two tasks. Imminent advances in technologies driven by digitisation, such as cloud services and 5G, will also have an impact on the scope of JSEC's work.

### **The two main streams of the conference:**

- A. Unify efforts to ensure the **safety, security and functionality in the Rear Area** under the specific cybersecurity threats to both military operations and critical infrastructure, while simultaneously keeping an eye on the hybrid warfare threats. Major purpose of these tasks is to:
- B. **Ensure Military Mobility that allows for the rapid reinforcement of troops into Europe and within Europe.** Military mobility depends on critical transportation and communications infrastructure, and inter-sectoral cooperation.

The **Call for Papers** is now open for speaking roles during the conference sessions. 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.

Please see the [preliminary programme overview](#) for the complete session descriptions of the topics below.

## **Part A: Rear Area – JSEC**

**Session 1 – Scope of the Challenge**

**Session 2 – Cybersecurity**

**Session 2 (continued) – “Deep Dive” into Compatibility and Interoperability of Communication Systems for the Sake of Readiness**

## **Part B: Military Mobility**

**Session 3 – Intersectoral and International Cooperation**

**Session 3 (continued) – Transport and Communication in the Digital Age**

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. These events would not be possible without the support of industry.

The deadline to submit your abstract for the first round of selections is **31 July 2020**. The first round of selections will be made shortly after this date. You will be contacted soon after this date if you have been selected. You may be contacted to join the alternate speaker list as well.

The number of speaking roles is limited.

### **Submit an abstract now!**

In order to be considered, please fill in the [Call for Papers Submission Form](#).

Here you can see the [sponsorship opportunities](#) for the conference. Industry is highly encouraged to book a sponsorship package in order to support their speaking role and the conference.

If you have any questions, please contact [Mandy Rizzo](#).