



**Challenging Times for National Security –  
Technologies for Better Cyber Defence and Battlefield Resilience**

*Event organised by AFCEA Europe in cooperation with the AFCEA Portugal Chapter and held under the patronage of the Minister of Defence, Portugal.*

**This will now be a 100% virtual event.**

## Call for Papers

AFCEA Europe is pleased to officially launch the **Call for Papers** for [AFCEA Europe's TechNet Europe 2021](#), taking place on **1 – 2 June 2021** NOW COMPLETELY VIRTUAL.

At AFCEA Europe's flagship annual event, actual needs, developments and solutions are discussed in the area of military **C4ISR** (Command, Control, Communications, Computing, Intelligence, Surveillance, Reconnaissance), and governmental **Cyber Security and Defence** from a European and transatlantic perspective.

This unclassified conference brings together each year more than two hundred high-ranking experts and representatives from national and international defence and security organizations, from NATO as well as the EU, a range of knowledge institutions and many industry representatives. Traditionally, the Minister of Defence of the host nation takes patronage of the event and usually opens the conference, giving the most important keynote speech.

In the vast field of emerging technologies and constant challenges in C4/C5ISR some of today's most pressing issues for Portugal, Europe, and the transatlantic relationship could be addressed (amongst others) during this two-day conference in keynotes and panel discussions.

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.

We are accepting submissions for speaking roles in the following panel sessions:

**Panel 1: *New approaches/strategies in Cyber Security (post-Covid-19)***

**Panel 2: *Turning technology into a weapon: Defence against AI supported Cyber attacks?***

**Panel 3: *Challenges of Chief Digital Officers Today - How to Proceed with the Digitisation of Forces?***

**Panel 4: *On Resilience-Supporting Technologies/Deployable CIS solutions/Edge computing/Combat cloud***

Please see the [Summary of Panel Sessions](#) for a detailed description of the direction and goal of each panel.

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 sponsors are eligible to submit an abstract for consideration to have a speaking role. These events, be it virtual, hybrid or traditional in-person, would not be possible without the support of industry.

The deadline to submit your abstract for the next round of selections has been extended to **15 April 2021**. The next round of selections will be made 1 week 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 [virtual 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](#).