"Advancing European Cyber Defence and Cybersecurity: Technologies, Operations and Opportunities" – Lisbon, 1 and 2 October 2025

Agenda

1st October 2025 – Opening Evening
Venue: Centro Cultural de Belém, Lisbon
- 18:00 – 18:30 | Participant Gathering and Registration
- 18:30 – 18:40 | Welcome b*y AED Cluster Portugal & European Commission (DG DEFIS)*
- 18:40 – 19:00 | Keynote Address - European Security and Defence College *(TBC)*
- 19:00 – 21:00 | Networking Cocktail

2nd October 2025 – Conference Day
Venue: Centro Cultural de Belém, Lisbon
- 08:30 – 09:00 | Registration & Welcome Coffee
- **09:00 – 09:30 | Opening Session**
    - Welcome address by AED Cluster Portugal
    - Welcome address by **PT Gov. Minister of the Presidency - António Leitão Amaro**
    - Welcome address by DG DEFIS
- **09:30 – 10:00 | Session: European Funding Opportunities**
    - DG DEFIS - EDF Cyber Programme and EUDIS opportunities
    - PT Innovation Agency (ANI) - Horizon Europe Program & Digital Europe Program
- **10:00 – 11:00 | Session: Emerging Trends in Cybersecurity and Defence**
    - This session will explore developments such as quantum-secure communications, red teaming, AI-enabled cyber response, and other technologies and applications.
    - Keynote speaker: **Roberto Cascella, CTO of the European Cyber Security Organisation (ECSO)**
    - Followed by debate with academic and industry experts
- **11:00 – 11:30 | Coffee Break & Exhibitor Interaction**
- **11:30 – 12:30 | Session: Cyber Defence**
    - This session will focus on Coordination of secure multi-domain operations; Training and operational preparedness; and insights on front line challenges such as Cyber-Electro-Magnetic Activities (CEMA) and electromagnetic warfare (ESM/ECM)
    - Keynote speaker: **David Antunes, Programme Manager Cyber Defence at European Defence Agency (EDA)**
    - Followed by debate with military and civilian experts
- **12:30 – 14:00 | Networking Lunch**
- **14:00 – 15:00 | Session: Cybersecurity**
    - The session will delve into Protection of critical infrastructures, including aviation and air traffic management; Situational awareness and incident response; and Cyber threat intelligence.
    - Keynote speaker: *(To be announced)*
    - Followed by debate with institutional and industry experts
- **15:00 – 15:15 | Closing Session**
    - Keynote Address *by* **Dr. Hélder Sousa e Silva, MEP** *– Substitute Member of the European Parliament's Committee on Security and Defence (SEDE)*
- **15:30 – 17:30 | Face-to-Face Meetings & Networking Coffee**
    - Scheduled B2B and B2G meetings