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„How to Win the Next War?”
21–25 September, Tallinn



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HOW TO WIN THE NEXT WAR?

21–25 September 2026

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Energy Discovery Center (Energia avastuskeskus)



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Estonian Defence Week 2026 brings together defence and security experts,
companies, policymakers, investors and end users from Estonia and abroad.
Key themes include autonomous systems and AI, space-based capabilities and
industrial readiness to meet growing demand.

The programme includes Defence Innovation Day, the Estonian Defence
Industry Symposium, the Annual Baltic Conference on Defence (ABCD),
Tallinn Defence EXPO, the NATO Open Innovation Conference & Expo
(NOICE) and City Resilience Hack.



“True resilience in defence comes from collaboration between
industry, government and research. Estonian Defence Week enables
these worlds to meet, ensuring our innovations serve both national and
European security needs.”

Taavi Veskimägi

Chairman of the Council of EDIA



“Estonia’s defence industry has proven its capabilities and is attracting
growing international interest. Estonian Defence Week brings together
industry, investors, policymakers, defence forces and international
partners to create new opportunities for cooperation, investment and
innovation. Our ambition is to build an annual international platform
that turns innovation and cooperation into real defence capabilities.”

Kalev Koidumäe
CEO of EDIA

Next in Defence: Autonomy, Space & Industrial Readiness

Defence Industry Symposium “Next in Defence: Autonomy, Space & Industrial Readiness” will bring together defence industry policymakers, investors and end-users from Estonia and allied countries, as well as partners from the defence and internal security sectors.

The event aims to accelerate cooperation projects, investments and business agreements while identifying new opportunities and areas of common interest across the defence sector. By strengthening international connections and cooperation, the symposium aims to support the growth of Estonia’s defence industry and its contribution to national defence.

The symposium will focus on three closely inter-connected themes:

- the development of autonomous systems;
- space as the backbone of next-generation capabilities;
- defence industry readiness to meet growing demand.

The three themes are connected by a central question: how can autonomous technologies be integrated into future capability development and space technologies into defence capabilities, while ensuring that solutions move as seamlessly as possible from the first prototype to production and ultimately to the end-user?

Discussions will focus on the strategic framework: policy priorities, Europe’s industrial and investment outlook, and end-user expectations.

Practical workshops will provide opportunities to build connections, establish shared development priorities and agree on concrete next steps.

MEET THE PEOPLE SHAPING DEFENCE



PAULA J. HARTLEY, Vice President of Strategy and Business Development at Lockheed Martin Missiles and Fire Control, will explore how industry-government cooperation can deliver defence capabilities faster. Drawing on Lockheed Martin’s European partnerships, she will address flexible procurement, local production and resilient supply chains.



PETER SARLIN, Founder and Chairman of Foundation PS and PostScriptum and a leading European voice in AI and deep technology, will deliver the keynote “AI-to-Advantage: How to Bring Artificial Intelligence from Prototype to Operational Capability (Safely, Reliably, Scalably)”. Drawing on his experience behind NestAI, Qutwo and Silo AI, he will explore how to turn AI prototypes into trusted, battle-ready capability at scale.



ANNIKA BERG MOLIN, International Affairs Advisor at Saab, will focus on how allied and industry cooperation can strengthen security across the Baltic region. She will address how maritime and air defence capabilities, industrial cooperation and long-term partnerships can protect critical infrastructure and strengthen regional defence.



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21.09

Pre-registered workshops at Energy Discovery Centre (building connected to the main venue)

14:00–15:30

AUTONOMY WORKSHOP: “Trusted AI & Autonomy Roadmap”. Curated by AI & Robotics Estonia (AIRE)

Keynote: Dr. Katrin Franke

Principal Engineer, KONGSBERG AI Centre of Excellence

Sharing Ukrainian Experience: Anastasiia Ostrovska

Virtual Routes European Cybersecurity Fellow

Panel: Data readiness, testing/certification, safety, counter-autonomy, integration

Christophe Muratet

Chief Product Officer of Milrem Robotics

Martin Karkour

CRO (Chief Revenue Officer) of Quantum Systems GmbH

Arnaud Castagnet

Senior Vice-President, Strategic Affairs of Skeleton Technologies

Moderator: Marko Kaseleht

Defence Tech Executive, Nortal

16:00–17:00

SPACE WORKSHOP: “Doing Business with the European Space Agency: First Steps”. Curated by Space Estonia

Keynote: Stephen Airey

Head of the Country Capability Division in ESA,

Head of Country Capability and Support, European Space Agency (ESA)

Co-Speech: Silver Lodi

CEO and Co-Founder of Spaceit

Moderator: Gloria Körgel

Space Policy Expert, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications of Estonia

17:00–17:30

Questions & Answers

18:00–19:30

INDUSTRY WORKSHOP: What are the government’s expectations of the defence industry and what does industry need for rapid production scaling? Curated by EDIA

Keynote: Siim Sukles

Ministry of Defence, Undersecretary for Defence Industry and Innovation

Task Force for European Defence Readiness: An Airbus Defence and Space initiative



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PANEL 1: European Defence collaboration

Regional & international integration to secure the Eastern Flank, industry and end-user connectivity, ecosystems and alliances, total defence and societal readiness, strategic action and frameworks to hit real-world battlefield metrics.

Caroline Sevier

Airbus Defence and Space, Founder of Task Force for European Defence Readiness

Nele Loorents

ICDS

Jaanus Tamm

CEO and Founder of Defsecintel Solutions

PANEL 2: Predictable demand from the government, multi-year procurement contracts, long-term supply chain resilience, funding mechanisms.

Robert Jakobson

Co-Chief Technology Officer of Threod Systems

Raul Vahisalu

CTO and Board Member at Metroser AS

Hevi Optronics Representative TBC

Enterprise Estonia Representative TBC

Moderator: Ingvar Pärnamäe

CEO and Founder of Vegvisir

19:30–22:00

**EDIA/EDW Networking & Reception at
Energy Discovery Centre – by invitation**

22.09

08:30–09:00

Registration and morning coffee

09:00–10:30 | BLOCK 1: Policy and Capability Development

Opening Block: Strategic Framework (Creative Hub, Blackbox)

09:00–09:10

**Moderator's opening remarks:
Next in Defence: Autonomy, Space & Industrial Readiness**

Johannes Tralla

Moderator and journalist, Estonian Public Broadcasting

09:10–09:20

**Industry Priorities 2026: localisation, investments,
end-user access**

09:20–09:40	Taavi Veskimägi Estonian Defence & Aerospace Industry Association AD2024 Founder member, EDIA chairman of the Council
09:40–09:50	Capability development, procurement, cooperation with allies Minister of Defence of Estonia
09:50–10:00	Cooperation between the Estonian Defence Forces and the Defence Industry: A New Model and Future Prospects Maj Ivo Peets, PhD Commander of the Future Capabilities and Innovation, Estonian Defence Forces
10:00–10:10	Cultivating a transatlantic industrial base to help the Alliance succeed Kristjan Prikk Ambassador of Estonia at NATO
10:10–10:20	Scaling European industrial and defence capability Andrius Kubilius European Commission, Commissioner for Defence and Space
10:20–10:30	From requirement to contract: procurement and capability development priorities, industrial cooperation practices Elmar Vaher Director General of Estonian Centre for Defence Investments (ECDI)
10:30–10:45	From Innovation to Adoption Kadri Tammai Regional Director of NATO DIANA
10:45–11:15	Break & Tallinn Defence Expo 10:45–12:00 BLOCK 2: Autonomy and AI: From Prototype to Solution AI in the Defence Industry (Creative Hub, BlackboxI) AI-to-Advantage: How to bring artificial intelligence from prototype to operational capability (safely, reliably, scalably)? Intro speech & firesite chat: Peter Sarlin Founder and Chairman of Foundation PS and PostScriptum, the cradle of NestAI, Qutwo and Silo AI



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11:15–12:00	PANEL 1: AI and Autonomy in Practice: “Trusted autonomy in contested environments” Mikk Murumäe Chief Technology Officer of Threod Systems Sven Weizenegger CEO of German Bundeswehr Cyber Innovation Hub Ricardo Mendes CEO of the TEKEVER Group Andri Rebane Director of Information Security Department, The Estonian Information and Communication Technology Centre
12:00–13:00 Lunch & VIP Lunch	
13:00–13:10	13:00–13:45 BLOCK 3: Financing the Gap: How Capital Meets Defence Innovation? How to fit a specialist VC fit into defense ecosystem? Mart Noorma Co-Founder of Darkstar Ventures Fund
13:10–13:45	PANEL 2: How to Invest to Defence Industry? Giuseppe Lacerenza Partner at Keen Venture Partners Amsterdam Other participants TBC 13:45–14:30 BLOCK 4: Space in Defence Blackbox
13:45–14:00	Defence and Space Industry Capability, Collaboration and Readiness Jose Luis de Miguel Cortes Vice President – Head of Europe, Airbus Defence and Space
14:00–14:15	Space for Defence: satellite data, communications and resilience (dual-use) in Europe Keynote: Pascal Legai ESA European Space Agency, Senior Security Adviser to ESA DG, Director General’s Services
14:15–14:30	Space Cyber Security Ecosystem in Estonia

	Paul Liias Head of Space Policy and Technology for Estonia, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications
14:30–14:45 Break & Tallinn Defence Expo	14:45–16:00 BLOCK 5: Defence Industry Readiness Blackbox
14:45–15:00	What measures accelerate industry-government cooperation? Paula Hartley Vice President Strategy and Business Development Lockheed Martin Missiles and Fire Control
15:00–15:15	Security Through Partnership: Building Baltic Resilience for the Future Moderated discussion with Teele Kaljuvee Annika Berg Molin International Affairs Advisor at Saab
15:15–15:30	Fireside chat with A. Donald Steinman, III A. Donald Steinman Product Knowledge, Chairman of the Board for Axnes, Inc. and Member of the Board of Directors for the National Center for Manufacturing Sciences
15:30–16:00	PANEL 3: Integrating innovation into the Defence Industry: from problem to integration Kuldar Väärsti Chairman of the Board and Founder of Milrem Robotics Engelbert Theisen (Colonel ret.) Head of Defense, db-matik AG Dr. Clemens Kaiser Deputy CEO & Chief Program Officer of Rivada Space Network GmbH
16:00–16:15	How Military-Tech companies can cooperate with Ukrainian Brigades? Jr.Srg. Peter "Schnitzel" Talos Azov Battalion
16:15–16:30	Closing Remarks Kalev Koidumäe CEO of Estonian Defence and Aerospace Industry Association
16:30–18:00	Tallinn Defence Exhibition visit to Arenas A, B and C & Outdoor

EXPO ARENA A

Cauldron Hall

- A01** Defsecintel Solutions
- A02** Rantelon
- A03** TELETACTICA
- A04** Domin8
- A06** Basemark
- A07** Glenair Nordic AB
- A08** YKK FINLAND
- A09** AS Proflin
- A11** Meridein Group
- A13** TGN Estonia OÜ/T&G Nordic Oy
- A14** Defendec
- A15** CAFA Tech
- A16** Kompressorikeskus OÜ
- A17** Englo LLC
- A18** Towerhouse OÜ
- A19** Crystalspace
- A20** Tempterno
- A21** Frankenburg Technologies
- A22** 5.0 ROBOTICS
- A23** Atea AS
- A24** Marduk Technologies
- A25** Nortal
- A26** FORECR
- A27** Lendurai
- A28** Cybernetica
- A29** Arrow Electronics
- A30** Insta
- A31** Eurofins Electric & Electronics
- A32** Ark Robotics
- A33** AGES CASE
- A34** Chelton
- A35** RÖDL
- A36** Temeso
- A37** Amo Specialkabel AB
- A38** CGI
- A39** BITTIUM
- A40** Airbus

EXPO ARENA C

Atrium Hall

- C58** TOCI
- C59** Future Electronics
- C60** C2GRID
- C61** Diehl Defence
- C62** Vegvisir
- C63** RanLOS
- C64** Ascent Lumina
- C65** IBG Industries
- C66** Thistle OÜ
- C67** FONTES
- C68** Farsight Vision
- C69** Port of Tallinn
- C70** Krattworks
- C72** TEKEVER

OUTDOOR EXPO

- F01** Aurida Engineering Company
- F02** Vaal Technologies
- F03** DESTINUS
- F04** STARK
- F05** EUROSAM
- F06** ASAX INNOVATION
- F07** Compact Mobile Platform OÜ
- F08** Intar Defence Industry OÜ
- F09** *Reserved*
- F10** Defsecintel Solutions
- F13** Scanmed Group OÜ
- F14** Buntar Aerospace
- F15** DEFTAK
- F16** Alta Ares
- F17** Rollo Robotics OÜ
- F18** NOVAT GmbH

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Outdoor EXPO (01-18)



**EXPO Arena A
in Cauldron Hall (01-40)**



**EXPO Arena B
in Small Hall (41-56)**



**EXPO Arena C
in Atrium Hall (58-72)**



**Country Area
Small Hall balcony
(P01-P04)**

EXPO ARENA B

Small Hall

- B41** Avnet Abacus
- B42** Avnet Abacus
- B43** Kelluu
- B44** Front42
- B45** Orbis Worldwide LLC
- B46** Nordic Shelter
- B47** Praesidium Defence OÜ
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- S13** Threod Systems
- S14** SAAB

COUNTRY AREA

Small Hall balcony

- P01** Estonian Defence Forces
- P02** NATO DIANA
- P03** Metrosert
- P04** Food Force

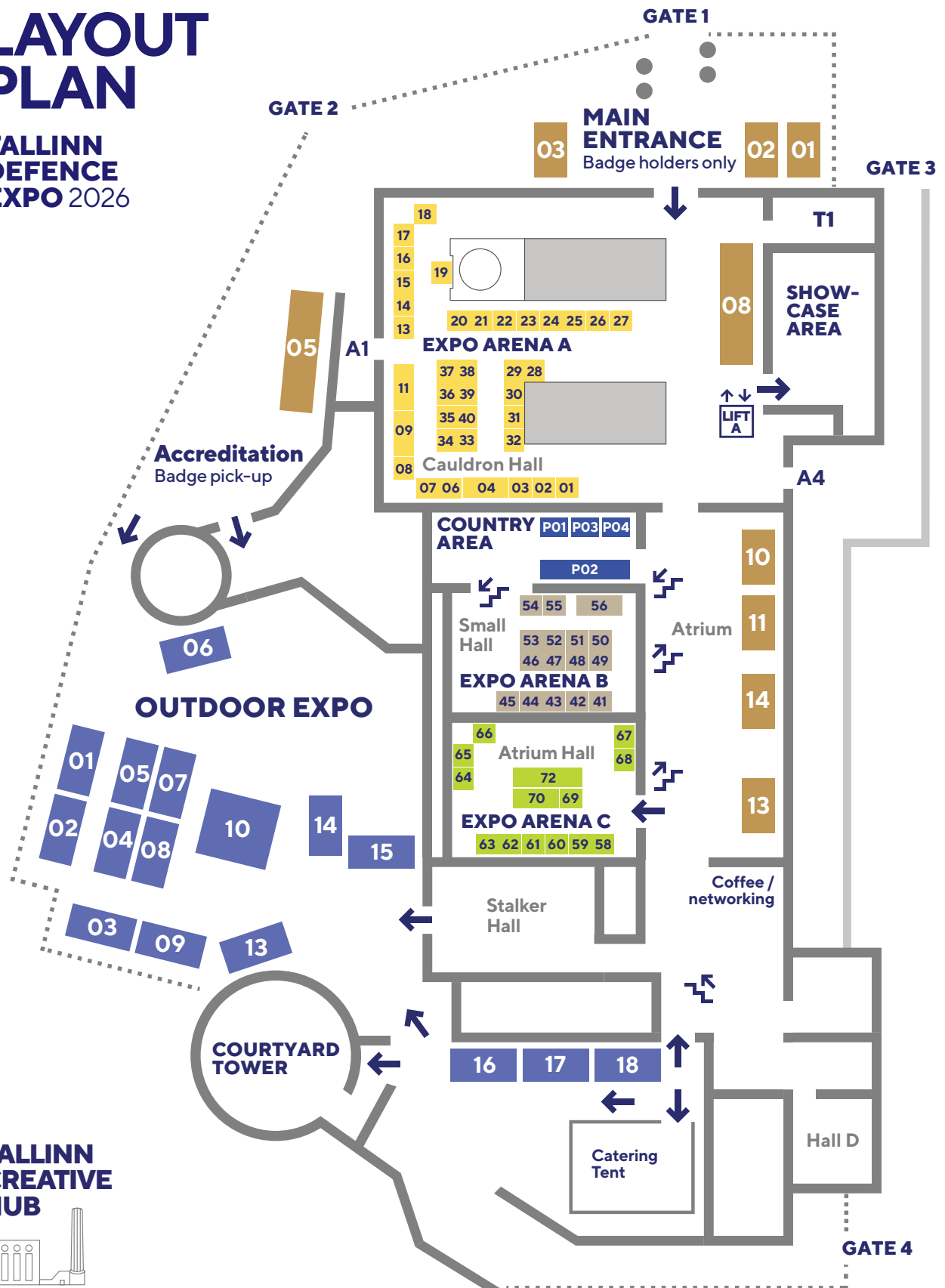
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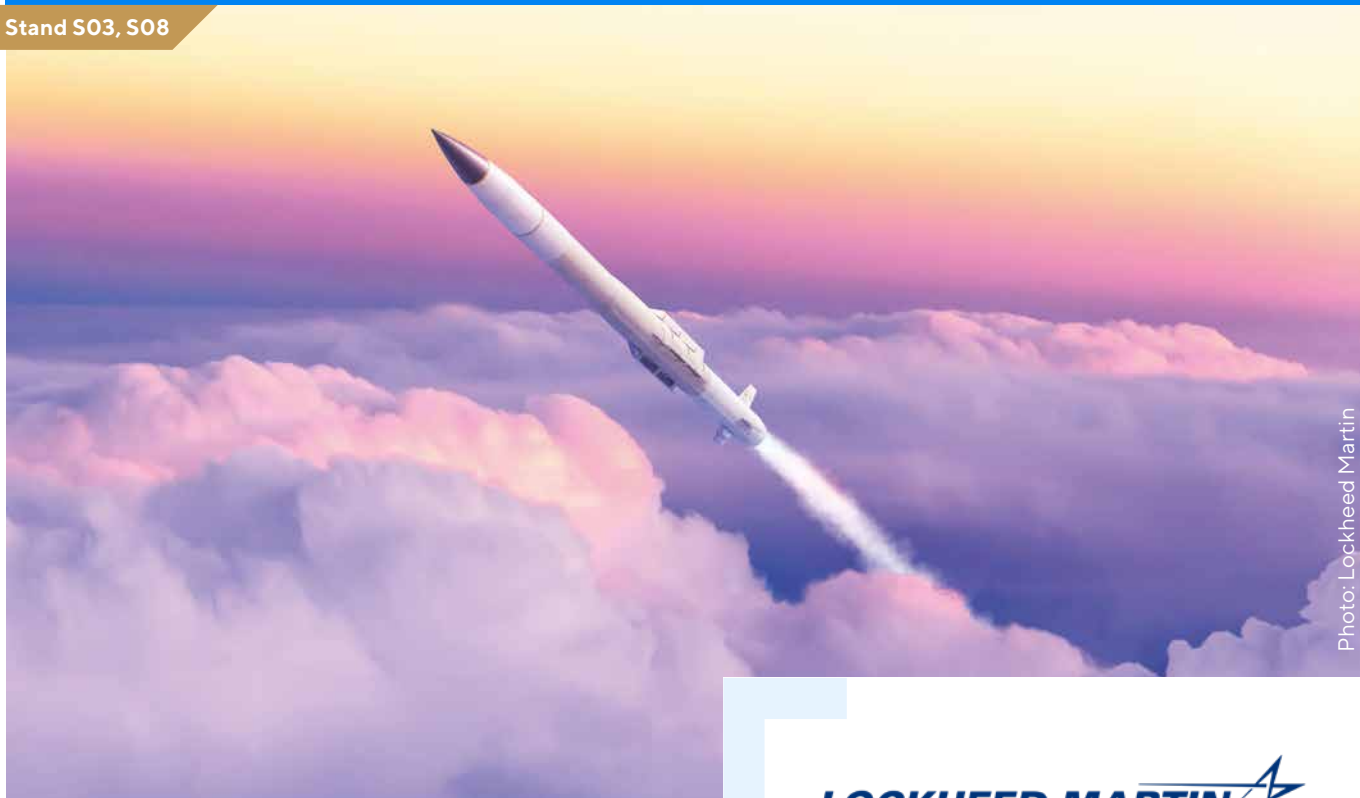
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LOCKHEED MARTIN 

Lockheed Martin is Building Allied Readiness: Powered by Partnership. Scaled for Deterrence

A new era of transatlantic collaboration is emerging. One defined not by intent, but by execution.

Across Europe and around the world, Lockheed Martin is advancing allied security through strategic investments and industrial partnerships. By expanding production capacity, strengthening regional sustainment and accelerating the delivery of critical missile defense capabilities, Lockheed Martin is building a more resilient defense industrial base and redefining what it means to be a global partner.

Investing in NATO's Future

During the 2026 NATO Summit Defense Industry Forum in Ankara, Türkiye, the United States, Germany, the Netherlands, Poland and Sweden signed a joint statement of intent to explore a PAC-3® Missile Maintenance Facility in Europe.

The proposed facility would strengthen NATO's integrated air and missile defense posture by enabling in-region sustainment, recertification and repair—keeping PAC-3 missiles ready, reliable and rapidly deployable.

Building on this momentum, Lockheed Martin and Rheinmetall also signed a memorandum of understanding, with the support of the U.S. and German governments, to advance plans for the first

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European center of excellence for the manufacturing, integration and distribution of ATACMS across NATO and allied European forces.

These initiatives reflect a shared recognition: deterrence depends not only on capability, but on speed, readiness and industrial partnerships.

We have heard the demand – and we are acting

Demand across Europe and among global allies continues to accelerate. Lockheed Martin is responding by investing to expand production capacity across key portfolios, including Tactical Missiles and Integrated Air and Missile Defence.

Lockheed Martin is working with customers to accelerate the delivery of critical capabilities. Through significant investment in a build-ahead program for the combat-proven HIMARS®, the company can fast-track a portion of a customer's launcher requirement, enabling earlier fielding of an initial operational capability and delivering launchers ahead of traditional production schedules.

Lockheed Martin is also advancing a more resilient European industrial footprint, including expansion of the PAC-3 network. Recently introduced at the Farnborough International Airshow, the PAC-3 Adapted Capability Effector (PAC-3 ACE™) is a low-cost interceptor designed to defeat a wide range of air and missile threats for less than half the cost of a PAC-3 MSE per unit.

PAC-3 ACE will give allied forces a rapidly fielded, complementary air defense effector option that can be deployed in record time. To achieve this, Lockheed Martin will collaborate with American and European industry partners and suppliers, strengthening the resilience of the shared defense industrial base. Joint development and production with European partners create a common, interoperable interceptor capability that strengthens transatlantic defense posture.

Strengthening Readiness Across the Baltic Region

Earlier this year, Lockheed Martin announced a partnership with Estonia's Ministry of Defence to establish a HIMARS sustainment capability that will strengthen national security and provide critical sustainment support for HIMARS operators across the Baltic region. The sustainment capability will enhance regional readiness by improving maintenance, reducing turnaround times and increasing operational availability for Estonia and its Baltic allies. This partnership reflects Lockheed Martin's long-term commitment to supporting Estonia's defense modernization while strengthening regional security and creating opportunities for future industrial collaboration.

This summer, together with Finnish technology company Insta, Lockheed Martin announced the establishment of Europe's first sustainment center for the M270A2 and HIMARS Multiple Launch Rocket System (MLRS) Common Fire Control System (CFCS) at Insta's facility in Tampere, Finland. The center will provide Europe's first dedicated MLRS fire control system



maintenance and sustainment capability, strengthening national expertise, security of supply and the ability to ensure system availability throughout its lifecycle.

And finally, this spring, during an unveiling of Lithuania's inaugural HIMARS launchers, Lockheed Martin signed a joint statement with Lithuania's Ministry of National Defence to deepen cooperation and expand security, defense and industrial opportunities.

These efforts reflect Lockheed Martin's commitment to strengthening regional readiness through European partnerships.

Supply Chain Expansion for Sustained Readiness

A resilient supply chain is a strategic advantage. By investing in suppliers, manufacturing capacity and industrial partnerships, Lockheed Martin is expanding production and strengthening resilience. These investments help deliver critical capabilities at the speed today's security environment demands.

Across Europe, Lockheed Martin has strengthened the PAC-3 MSE industrial base through expanded component production in Spain with Grupo Oesía and Sener and increased supply chain capacity in Germany through an agreement with Diehl Defence. Long-standing partnerships with leading Polish defense firms further reinforce regional security while driving engineering jobs, technology transfer, workforce development and a more resilient global PAC-3 MSE supply chain.

A Unified Strategy: Act, Scale, Deliver

This shift is already underway. Allies are moving from intent to execution, building the industrial strength needed to sustain deterrence in highly contested environments. Lockheed Martin continues to advance this effort through European partnerships that turn readiness into reality.

Through deeper collaboration in Europe, capability is being delivered at the speed of demand—strengthening allied deterrence today while building the industrial base for tomorrow.



Building the robotic layer of European defence

Modern defence is being reshaped by robotics, autonomy and the need to generate credible military capability faster, at greater scale and with less risk to soldiers. For Milrem Robotics, this transformation is already taking place.

Founded in Estonia in 2013, Milrem Robotics has grown into a global developer of robotics and autonomous systems. Its flagship THeMIS unmanned ground vehicle has been deployed in Ukraine since 2022 and is today in operational use or part of robotics programmes in 20 countries. Lessons from Ukraine continue to shape the development of Milrem Robotics' platforms, autonomy and concepts of operation.

The next step, however, goes beyond individual unmanned vehicles. Robotic systems must operate as integrated forces within wider military operations.

At the centre of this approach is ARCOS, Milrem Robotics' command-and-coordination system, enabling the coordinated operation of unmanned systems and integrated payloads within broader battle management frameworks. Together with platforms such as THeMIS and the HAVOC Robotic Combat Vehicle, ARCOS provides the foundation for deploying robotics as a coherent operational capability rather than as stand-alone systems.

This thinking is also behind Milrem Robotics' Unmanned Defence Line – a proposed robotised approach to NATO's Eastern Flank Deterrence Initiative. The concept envisions a continuous, multi-layered robotic defensive architecture along NATO's eastern border, where unmanned systems provide persistent surveillance, counter-UAS capability and, when required, direct fire and precision effects.

In such a defence, robots can make first contact, operate in the highest-risk areas and buy critical time for human forces to mobilise and respond.

The principle is straightforward: robots should absorb losses, not soldiers.

Milrem Robotics brings together the key building blocks required to make this vision operational: proven unmanned platforms, autonomous capabilities, command and coordination, payload integration and experience gained from deploying robotic systems with armed forces around the world. By combining these capabilities into integrated robotic forces, we are working to make mass, readiness and persistent defence achievable without relying on massed human formations.

To discover how Milrem Robotics is turning this vision into deployable capability, visit us at stand S10 during Estonian Defence Week and talk to our team.



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Partnering for a stronger and more secure Estonia

Saab's partnership with Estonia spans more than two decades and reflects a shared commitment to strengthening national defence, regional security and allied cooperation. As members of both NATO and the European Union, Estonia and Sweden face common security challenges and share an interest in developing resilient defence capabilities that contribute to stability across the Baltic Sea region.

Since the first deliveries of Saab equipment to Estonia in the late 1990s, the company has established a strong position within the Estonian defence sector. Today, the Estonian Armed Forces operate a range of Saab systems, including the Carl-Gustaf® weapon system, Giraffe air surveillance radars and advanced training solutions that support operational readiness and interoperability. Most recently, Estonia selected the Giraffe 1X multi-mission radar, further strengthening the long-standing cooperation between Saab and the Estonian defence community.

At Estonian Defence Week, Saab will highlight capabilities that support maritime security, air defence, ground combat and national resilience. A key focus will be the Littoral Mission Vessel (LMV), a proven platform developed by Saab and successfully delivered to the Republic of Singapore Navy. Designed for modern maritime operations, the LMV combines advanced naval capabilities with a modular design philosophy that enables adaptation to evolving operational requirements.

The platform can be equipped with a range of Saab systems, including the 9LV Combat Management System, Sea Giraffe Multi-Sensor Solution, Electronic Warfare capabilities and Trackfire Remote Weapon Stations, providing enhanced situational awareness, operational flexibility and maritime security capabilities.

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Saab will also showcase Mobile Short-Range Air Defence (MS-HORAD), an integrated capability designed to address the growing challenge posed by modern aerial threats. Within its ground combat portfolio, Saab will showcase combat-proven capabilities, including the Carl-Gustaf® multi-role weapon system and its broad range of ammunition, alongside the NLAW anti-tank weapon. Together, these capabilities provide armed forces with operational flexibility across a wide range of battlefield scenarios and mission requirements.

Through innovation, long-term partnerships and close cooperation with customers and industry, Saab remains committed to supporting Estonia's defence ambitions and contributing to enhanced security across the Baltic Sea region.



The 6-inch payload family is designed for reconnaissance and targeting missions on lightweight unmanned platforms



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Thread expands its eOpic payload family with smaller, lighter camera systems

Thread has added a new electro-optical camera system to the eOpic family: eOpic-4, built for lightweight ISR platforms.

eOpic-4 builds on the experience gained with eOpic-5, with an updated sensor set in a smaller 4-inch housing. At 0.8 kg, 300 grams lighter, it delivers improved imaging performance for ISR missions.

It joins eOpic-6, which earlier this year brought a high-power laser designator into a compact 6-inch, 1.9 kg gimbal for smaller UAV platforms.

Thread is also developing MMCLS, a modular multi-canister launcher system, targeted for completion by end of 2026.



The lightest 4-inch payload in Thread's eOpic family

See eOpic-4 live at Thread's indoor stand S13 during Estonian Defence Week.

Thread Systems is an Estonian defence technology company developing and manufacturing unmanned aircraft systems, electro-optical camera systems and aircraft launchers. With a team of over 200 professionals, Thread's products are in operational use in over 30 countries, including more than a dozen NATO member states and Ukraine.

The Future Is Unmanned: Quantum Systems and HEVI Optronics Partner for Multi-Domain Operations

Modern defense operations depend on reliable hardware and seamless software integration. Rather than operating isolated control platforms, defense forces require dependable multi-domain command software paired with reliable UXS and optronics. Together, Quantum Systems and HEVI Optronics provide integrated ecosystems that meet these defense sector needs.

Integrated Multi-Domain Command: MOSAIC UXS

Managing multiple uncrewed systems across different operational domains can create friction for operators. MOSAIC UXS addresses this by bringing aerial, terrestrial, and maritime assets into a single interface. The software reduces operator workload by streamlining data feeds, aiding real-time sensor sharing, and simplifying tactical coordination across the operational network.

Engineered Precision: HEVI Optronics EO/IR Systems and PTUs

A control platform relies entirely on the quality and reliability of its incoming data. HEVI Optronics manufactures reliable optronics solutions built on modern system architecture. Designed to perform in demanding environments, these systems deliver stable target tracking, day and night thermal imaging, and long-range detection for different operational use-cases.

Scaling Production for Allied Needs

To meet growing demand across NATO and allied partner nations, HEVI Optronics is expanding its manufacturing capacity. While also working towards faster delivery schedules dictated by the demanding and time sensitive market.

By pairing modern software control with dependable EO/IR camera systems, Quantum Systems and HEVI Optronics deliver pragmatic solutions across air, land, and sea.

About Quantum Systems

Quantum Systems is a global deep-tech defence prime. The company develops, produces and deploys interoperable unmanned systems that combine battle-proven and modular hardware, software and AI to deliver mission-critical autonomous capabilities across air, land, sea and adjacent domains.

Through MOSAIC UXS, its software backbone for unmanned operations, Quantum Systems connects platforms, sensors, counter-UXS systems, drone ports and partner technologies into one interoperable system.

The company serves defence, security and civil resilience customers across Europe, NATO and allied markets, scaling sovereign multi-domain unmanned capabilities from Europe for the world.



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TEKEVER: Battlefield-Proven Autonomy for Defence and Security

TEKEVER is a leading multinational technology company shaping the future of defence and security through battlefield-proven, AI-driven autonomy.

Founded in 2001, TEKEVER designs, builds and delivers complete autonomous systems and intelligence services through a fully vertically integrated model spanning aerospace engineering and manufacturing, propulsion, advanced optical and RF payloads, communications, avionics, software, data science and artificial intelligence.

TEKEVER's technology is shaped by sustained frontline operations. Its systems have accumulated more than 50,000 flight hours in Ukraine, where continuous operational feedback has driven more than 100 product iterations. This direct experience in contested environments enables TEKEVER to rapidly adapt its platforms, software and mission systems to evolving threats and operational requirements, turning battlefield lessons into deployable capability at speed.

In 2026, TEKEVER opened its first office in Tallinn, reinforcing its long-term commitment to Estonia and the wider Baltic region. The local presence enables closer cooperation with Estonian defence stakeholders, end users and industry partners, supporting interoperability, industrial collaboration and the development of capabilities aligned with regional and allied defence priorities.

TEKEVER has also strengthened its operational engagement in Estonia, including participation in Spring Storm 2026 alongside Estonian and allied forces, demonstrating how autonomous systems can contribute to persistent situational awareness, intelligence gathering, data integration and faster decision-making in realistic operational environments.



With more than 1,500 employees and facilities across Portugal, France, the UK, Estonia, Ukraine and the US, TEKEVER delivers innovation at speed and scale. Its portfolio includes mission-oriented unmanned aerial systems such as the AR3 and AR5, as well as ATLAS, its real-time Intelligence-as-a-Service platform.

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Accelerating innovation into Allied capabilities

DIANA is NATO's Defence Innovation Accelerator for the North Atlantic. Through an Alliance-wide network of innovators, accelerators, test centres and end users, NATO DIANA is solving critical defence and security challenges to provide decisive defence and security effects. NATO DIANA is a key pillar in NATO's innovation and technology strategic approach, bringing together the latest technology and talent. DIANA is headquartered in London, with regional offices in Tallinn and Halifax.

At Estonian Defence Week, NATO DIANA is proud to introduce 15 innovators who have been selected to participate in Mission Track. Mission Track is DIANA's follow-on adoption programme for innovators who demonstrate credible defence and adoption pull, and strong strategic relevance in addressing the capability needs of NATO. After a highly competitive challenge call that received over 3,600 proposals, 150 companies were selected to be part of the 2026 cohort. From these companies, 15 were invited to participate in Mission Track and will be present for the kick-off event at EDW.



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Tallinn – a Testbed for Urban Innovation

Tallinn is an open and agile city where innovative solutions can be tested, validated, and developed in a real urban environment. We work with companies, research organizations, and international partners to turn promising ideas into solutions that can improve urban services, strengthen resilience, and enhance quality of life.

Through Test in Tallinn, local and international companies can use Tallinn as a testing ground for innovative products and services. The program connects companies with relevant city departments, municipal organizations, and other testing partners, helping them validate solutions in real-life conditions and gather valuable feedback for further development.

Tallinn is particularly interested in solutions that respond to real urban challenges – from mobility, energy and sustainability to digital services, civil protection and crisis preparedness. For companies, this provides an opportunity to work directly with the city, understand public-sector needs, and demonstrate how their technology performs outside a laboratory or controlled environment.

This approach is also reflected in City Resilience Hack 2026, taking place in Tallinn during Estonian Defence Week. The international hackathon brings together technology developers, experts, and representatives of Tallinn, Helsinki, Valencia, Lviv, and Dnipro to develop solutions that help cities prepare for, respond to, and recover from crises. The focus is on practical technologies and approaches that can strengthen urban resilience and support better decision-making in complex situations.

Tallinn sees the city itself as a platform for innovation – a place where companies and the public sector can experiment, learn and develop solutions together.

Have a solution that needs a real city to prove its potential? Test it in Tallinn.



Estonia builds a defence investment platform

As **Estonia Defence Week 2026** brings 4,000 defence experts, companies and investors to Tallinn, Estonia is presenting a sector where public demand meets fast-moving technology and new industrial capacity.

Where innovations meet demand and production

Estonia's defence expenditure will rise to 5.4% of GDP in 2026. Spending is planned to remain above 5% of GDP through 2029, with €1.27B earmarked for procurement.

That demand is creating opportunities for foreign manufacturers and suppliers. At **Ermistu** in Pärnu County, the state is investing more than €50M in infrastructure. In **North Kiviõli**, ARCA Baltics Operations plans a €300M ammunition factory, up to 1,000 jobs and production in 2028.

Technology that can be tested and scaled

Estonia's private defence industry generates most of its revenue from exports, with companies working in drones, autonomy, electronic warfare, cyber, software, maritime technology and space. **Metrosert's Drone Technology Unit** is expanding local testing for unmanned systems.

Enterprise Estonia offers a **product development grant** of €250,000–€3M for applied research and product development. The **large-scale investment grant** can provide up to €20M for eligible defence projects of at least €20M creating at least 20 new jobs.

SmartCap's €100M Defence Fund adds equity capital for military and dual-use companies. Direct investments range from €500,000 to €10M, alongside private investors. NATO-based companies may also qualify where they create value for Estonia.



Connected to allied markets

Estonia hosts NATO's Cooperative Cyber Defence Centre of Excellence and a regional NATO DIANA accelerator. DIANA innovators receive €100,000 and access to more than 200 test centres. The Ministry of Defence says military assistance to Ukraine will reach at least 0.28% of GDP in 2026, giving local companies unprecedented access to the world's most rigorous testing ground.

Estonian Defence Week, held in Tallinn on 21–25 September, brings these networks together through innovation, industry, NATO and resilience events, followed by the Software Defined Space Conference (SDSC) on cybersecurity and software development in space on 27–29 October.

Invest Estonia and Enterprise Estonia can help companies identify partners. Explore business opportunities in Estonia or request e-Consulting from our advisors.



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Estonian Ministry of Defence

The Ministry of Defence is responsible for organising national defence in Estonia and shaping the policies and capabilities needed to ensure the country's security and military readiness. Its responsibilities range from defence policy, capability development and international cooperation with NATO Allies and partners to supporting the Defence Forces and the Defence League, managing defence resources and advancing Estonia's defence industry.

Estonia is making a major long-term investment in defence. In 2026, defence expenditure will reach 5.4% of GDP, or €2.4 billion, with more than half of the budget allocated to defence procurement. These investments are aimed not only at strengthening military capabilities and readiness, but also at building the industrial capacity and security of supply needed in a rapidly changing security environment.



Photo: Estonian Defence Forces

Estonia's security is built on strong international cooperation. In today's security environment, no country can ensure its defence alone. Therefore, alliances and international partnerships are one of the fundamental pillars of Estonia's national defence. Estonia works closely with Allies and partners to strengthen collective defence, develop military capabilities, and increase readiness to respond jointly to security threats. This cooperation includes joint exercises, operations, capability development, defence industry collaboration, and the exchange of experience and expertise.

A strong domestic defence industry is an integral part of Estonia's defence capability. The Ministry of Defence works to create an environment in which companies can develop, test, produce and scale solutions that respond to real operational needs. In 2026, €38.2 million is being invested in the core infrastructure of Estonia's defence industry park, while additional funding supports product development, testing and defence-related research and development. The objective is to foster a globally competitive, export-oriented defence industry that can serve as a reliable partner to the state in peacetime, crisis and war.



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Defsecintel Solutions

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Advanced Aviation Training & Simulation

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CrystalSpace OÜ

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Advanced Vision for Space & Defence

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Frankenburg Technologies

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Manufacturing at the Point of Need

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Atea AS

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From AI to Autonomous Systems:

How the Defence Industry Is Being Redefined

The companies and technologies shaping the future of European defence increasingly look different from those that defined the sector only a decade ago. Large defence manufacturers remain indispensable, but they are now working alongside robotics companies, artificial intelligence developers, cybersecurity specialists, space technology companies and startups whose products may have begun far outside the traditional defence industry.

This changing landscape will be visible at Estonian Defence Week 2026.

The shift reflects changes taking place on the battlefield itself. Russia's war against Ukraine has demonstrated the rapidly growing importance of autonomous systems, drones, artificial intelligence, resilient communications, electronic systems and space-enabled services. It has also demonstrated that innovation is no longer a process that can be separated from military operations by years of development and procurement.

Technologies need to be developed, tested, adapted and deployed much faster – often in direct cooperation with the people who will ultimately use them.

European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen examines emerging defence technology. Photo: Raigo Pajula



Visitors explore autonomous systems showcased at last year's defence expo.
Photo: Andres Raudjalg/EDW



Drone detection technology demonstrated during Estonian Defence Week 2025.
Photo: Andres Raudjalg/EDW



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“The roster of Tallinn Defence Expo participants reflects where European defence is heading,” said **Kalev Koidumäe**, CEO of the Estonian Defence and Aerospace Industry Association (EDIA). “Future military capability will increasingly depend on autonomous systems, secure communications, cyber resilience and advanced electronics. At the same time industrial capacity as the sixth domain must be scaled up. This requires stronger cooperation between governments, armed forces and industry to ensure these technologies can be rapidly adopted and deployed.”

That cooperation is changing the structure of the defence ecosystem. Traditionally, the path from military requirement to finished capability has been dominated by governments, armed forces and large defence contractors. Today, relevant innovation can emerge from a much wider range of companies. A startup developing artificial intelligence, autonomous navigation, communications technology or advanced sensors may possess technology with immediate military relevance even if defence was not originally its primary market. The challenge is to connect these technologies with military requirements.

The changing structure of the sector will be particularly visible at Tallinn Defence EXPO. Around 100 defence and dual-use companies from more than 15 countries are expected to participate. The exhibitor line-up combines major international defence manufacturers with rapidly growing technology companies and Estonian firms developing new defence solutions.

Large manufacturers bring production capacity, systems integration, established supply chains and decades of experience working with armed forces. Smaller technology companies can often experiment and iterate faster. Military organisations provide operational requirements and battle-field experience. Governments create procurement frameworks and demand, while investors provide the capital required for companies to grow.

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Technologies such as artificial intelligence and autonomous systems develop on timelines very different from traditional military procurement programmes. A system designed against requirements established several years earlier risks entering service in an environment that has already changed.

That is where the technological and industrial sides of Estonian Defence Week meet.

Artificial intelligence, autonomous platforms, space-based services and advanced digital technologies may be changing what is possible on the battlefield. But transforming those possibilities into military advantage requires something broader: a functioning network connecting the soldier who identifies the need, the company that develops the technology, the investor willing to finance its growth, the larger industrial partner capable of integrating or producing it and the government prepared to procure it.

Europe Is Spending More on Defence.

Now It Has to Turn Money into Military Capability

Europe is entering a period of defence investment on a scale not seen for decades. The more difficult task is turning investment into military capability – and doing so fast enough to respond to a security environment in which technology, battlefield requirements and the nature of warfare itself are changing at unprecedented speed.

This challenge will be at the centre of Estonian Defence Week 2026 “How to Win the Next War?”.

Russia’s war against Ukraine has exposed both the strengths and weaknesses of the European defence model. It has demonstrated the importance of traditional capabilities and large-scale production, but also the growing role of drones, autonomous systems, artificial intelligence, resilient communications and rapidly evolving battlefield technologies.

It has also shown that technological superiority is of limited value if new solutions cannot be tested, procured, manufactured and deployed quickly enough. A promising prototype is not yet a defence capability.

This is why industrial capacity has become an increasingly important part of the European security debate.

Kalev Koidumäe, CEO of the Estonian Defence and Aerospace Industry Association, argues that Europe needs to address the entire chain between investment and operational capability.

“Europe has taken important decisions to strengthen its defence capabilities, but investment and technology alone do not create security and defence capabilities. We need the industrial capacity for large-scale production and the ability to deliver new solutions much more quickly to those who provide security,” said Koidumäe. “Estonian Defence Week connects governments, armed forces, industry, investors and innovators because these challenges cannot be solved separately. The aim is to turn discussions into cooperation, investments and ultimately capabilities that reach the end-user.”



Kalev Koidumäe, CEO of the Estonian Defence and Aerospace Industry Association. Photo: EDIA



Visitors explore drone technology at Tallinn Defence EXPO 2025. Photo: EDW

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The problem has several dimensions. European countries need sufficient production capacity and resilient supply chains. Defence companies need predictable demand to justify investment in additional manufacturing. Armed forces need procurement systems capable of responding to technological change. At the same time, new companies and technologies need faster routes into a sector traditionally characterised by long development and procurement cycles.

European Commissioner for Defence and Space **Andrius Kubilius** has argued that Europe must fundamentally rethink the way its defence industrial base operates.

“We need to overcome fragmentation of our defence landscape. Our defence industry needs to massively scale up production, reorienting from ‘haute couture’ to ‘good enough’ production.”

The comparison captures one of the central dilemmas facing European defence. Highly sophisticated systems remain essential, but a prolonged conflict also requires equipment that can be produced in sufficient quantities, replaced when lost and continuously adapted to changing operational requirements. Quantity, scalability and speed have returned alongside technological sophistication as measures of military strength.

That requires demand as well as supply. Kubilius has stressed that defence manufacturers cannot be expected to expand production capacity without confidence that demand will continue.

“Our Member States need to encourage production by placing big long-term orders for European defence industry, buy more, together, and European. To achieve that Member States can count on our support – with EU programmes such as EDIP and SAFE.”

Taken together, the core events of Estonian Defence Week represent different parts of the same process: identifying an operational need, developing a solution, testing it with end-users, attracting investment, procuring it, producing it at scale and ultimately deploying it.

The question facing Europe is broader than how much governments are prepared to spend on defence. It is whether Europe can build a system capable of converting money, technology and industrial resources into military capability at the speed required by the current security environment.

Winning the next war may depend on technologies that are only now emerging. But it will also depend on something much more traditional: the ability to manufacture what is needed, in sufficient quantities, and get it into the hands of those who need it.



21-22 September Estonian Defence Industry Symposium 22-24 September Tallinn Defence Exhibition

Estonian Defence Week (EDW) 2026 brings together around 4,000 defence experts, companies, policymakers and innovators for five days of events focused on security, defence, innovation and international cooperation. The week combines conferences, industry events, an exhibition and innovation-focused programmes, bringing together participants from Estonia and abroad.

21 September Innovation Day

Innovation Day opens Estonian Defence Week, bringing together leaders from defence, technology and investment. The programme highlights startup pitches and dual-use capabilities shaping security across NATO and beyond.

22 September Estonian Defence Industry Symposium

The Estonian Defence Industry Symposium brings together defence industry experts and policymakers from more than 30 countries to discuss the development of the sector and the challenges shaping future defence.

22-23 September The Annual Baltic Conference on Defence (ABCD)

ABCD examines transatlantic, European and regional defence issues, bringing together policymakers, military officials, academics and analysts for discussion on current and emerging security challenges.

22-24 September Tallinn Defence Exhibition

The central event of Estonian Defence Week, the Tallinn Defence Exhibition features more than 100 leading companies and organisations from Estonia and abroad. It provides a platform for direct engagement between suppliers, investors and public-sector stakeholders and showcases the latest defence industry solutions.

24 September NATO Open Innovation Conference & Expo (NOICE)

NOICE brings together startups, researchers and industry actors from Allied member states to develop practical and rapidly deployable solutions to defined defence and security challenges.

24-25 September City Resilience Hack

Organised by the City of Tallinn in cooperation with the cities of Valencia, Helsinki, Lviv and Dnipro, City Resilience Hack focuses on developing practical solutions for security, defence and urban resilience.

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