

The III edition of the ASSETs+ European Defence Challenge is open!

- The TOPIC of the III edition is: “Security – threats identification and defence strategies”.
- A great opportunity for students to boost their careers and open new horizons. Deadline for submission: November 14, 2022.

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The **ASSETs+ European Defence Challenge (EDC)** is an open competition to attract young talent to the Defence industry and to encourage them to initiate a career in defence-related technologies.

The organizer of this edition is Rzeszow University of Technology, and the topic is: **“Security – threats identification and defence strategies”**. Threats in the areas of: defence industry, intellectual property theft, military equipment, auxiliary equipment, information flow, data protection, military operations, border surveillance and others, in the context of security and cybersecurity.

All undergraduate or graduate students from all faculties in European Universities, vocational education and training centres and other institutions dedicated to education can participate in the Challenge.

Participants have to write a one page proposal that must present a new usage or suggest improvements on a new technology. Not only technological, but also socio-economic, political, ethical and environmental aspects have to be taken into account. Deadline for submission is November 14, 2022. A board of experts will select the best papers, that will pass to the second phase.

Students are strongly encouraged to team up in pairs, finding a partner in a different university or country. And they will be welcome to attend several short seminars that will help them to understand the importance of improving security and write good essays:

- Security aspects from the industry point of view. October 10, 2022
- How to write a good report?. October 17, 2022
- Critical Thinking. October 24, 2022
- Literature review methodologies. October 31, 2022
- The role of cybersecurity for defence. November 8, 2022
- Webinar with defence experts. December 12, 2022

The best three teams and the best essay up to 20 years old will receive special awards and public recognition on the ASSETs+ webpage and social networks.

More information and registrations through the ASSETs+ website: <https://assets-plus.eu/challenge>

The ASSETS+ project

The Alliance for Strategic Skills addressing Emerging Technologies in Defence (ASSETS+) is a four year **Erasmus+ project**, built on close collaboration between Defence Industry, Sectoral Organisations, Higher Education Institutions, Vocational Educational & Training providers and Research Centres, with 30 partners from 8 countries and a broader ecosystem of stakeholders.

ASSETS+ aims to build a sustainable human resources supply chain for the European Defence Industry, that boosts innovation by both attracting highly-skilled young workers and upskilling its employees. Complementary education & training programmes are addressing the following main technologies: Artificial Intelligence, Robotics, C4ISTAR* and Cybersecurity.

(* C4ISTAR is an acronym for Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Information/Intelligence, Surveillance, Targeting Acquisition and Reconnaissance

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