

## Great success of the ASSETs+ Final Conference

**Over 100 participants and 24 speakers joined the ASSETs+ Final Conference “European Defence Sector: Navigating the Future through Skills and Innovation”, organized by our partners Fondazione Giacomo Brodolini and Censec, in Brussels last November 28.**

December, 2023

The ASSETs+ project, that was launched in 2020, is coming to an end, and the Final Conference was a great opportunity to connect with like-minded professionals, gain valuable insights, and explore cutting-edge trends in the European Defence sector.

We are very proud to highlight the main results we have achieved during these four years.

The analysis carried out within the context of the ASSETs+ project focuses on three primary technological areas in the defence sector: **Robotics, Artificial Intelligence and Autonomous Systems; C4ISTAR<sup>1</sup> and Cyber Security.**

The results are derived from an extensive process of data integration, incorporating information gathered through data-driven analysis, brainstorming sessions, project reviews, and validation from industry experts. The work was also complemented by additional in-depth analyses on road mapping. Subsequently, the insights gathered led the team to develop professional profiles related to the defence sector that can be incorporated within the European Classification of competencies and occupations.

Lastly, relevant defence-related projects and initiatives at European, national, and regional levels have been monitored and mapped to provide an overview of skills development activities in the defence sector.

### Education & Training

ASSETs+ has designed **35 education & training programmes** to provide trainees with new skills related to key technologies that will be expected in the Defence sector in the coming years. Over **1.300 participants** from over **23 different countries** have attended these courses.

The courses are built on active pedagogical approaches like project based learning, summer schools, challenges, e-learning. The ASSETs+ courses are focused on professionals (Defence & AeroSpace) as well as undergraduate and graduate students.

### ASSETs+ European Defence Challenge

During the four editions of the Challenge, **577 students registered** from **24 different countries** and **116 different institutions**, 45% graduated, an average age of 23 years (7% below 20) and a 44% of female participation.

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<sup>1</sup> C4ISTAR is an acronym for Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Information/Intelligence, Surveillance, Targeting Acquisition and Reconnaissance



We would like to express our sincere gratitude to everyone involved -partners, EU institutions and stakeholders- for their hard work, support and commitment. Together, we have overcome challenges and created a project that we can all be proud of.

We are excited about what the future holds for each of us, and we look forward to the opportunity to collaborate on future endeavors.

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