



Poland

Research Infrastructures Driving Europe's Defence and Dual-Use Competitiveness

EDF side brokerage event, Monday 9th March 2026

Time: 12.30h CET

Polish NCBR Office in Brussels in cooperation with Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń, SOLARIS National Synchrotron Radiation Centre (JU), and Military University of Technology in Warsaw have the pleasure of inviting you to participate in an EDF side brokerage event organised on the occasion of EDF Info Day 2026. The event **Research Infrastructures Driving Europe's Defence and Dual-Use Competitiveness** will take place on **Monday 9th of March 2026** from 12h30 to 21h00 at the **NCBR Brussels Office, Rue Belliard 40, Brussels.**

AGENDA

CEST	
12:30 - 13:30	Light Lunch
13:45	<p>Welcome speech – Waldemar DUBANIOWSKI, Director of NCBR Office in Brussels Adam KOLA - Vice-Rector for Research at Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń Jakub SZLACHETKO - Director of the SOLARIS National Synchrotron Radiation Centre at the Jagiellonian University in Kraków</p>
14:15	<p>Keynote speech:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Izabela NAJDA-JĘDRZEJEWSKA, Deputy Director of Innovation and Development Department at the Ministry of Science and Higher Education • Doris SCHROECKER, Head of Unit E.1 INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH, STRATEGY & COORDINATION, DG RTD, EC • Kristine RUDZITE-STEJSKALA, Team Leader, European Defence Innovation Scheme (EUDIS), Defence Policy and Innovation Unit, Defence Policy Directorate, DG DEFIS
15:00	<p>Panel discussion: Dual-Use Research in Europe: Between Security, Open Science and a New Geopolitical Reality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nicolaos LOUTAS - Director of. Innovation at NATO • Doris SCHROECKER, Head of Unit E.1 Industrial Research, Strategy & Coordination, DG RTD, EC • Izabela NAJDA-JĘDRZEJEWSKA, Deputy Director of International Cooperation at the Ministry of Science and Higher Education • Kristine RUDZITE-STEJSKALA, Team Leader, European Defence Innovation Scheme (EUDIS), Defence Policy and Innovation Unit, Defence Policy Directorate, DG DEFIS
15-15:30	Coffee
15:40	<p>Policy brief on Research Security – Mr Maciej ZDANOWICZ, EU Policy Advisor, NCBR Office in Brussels</p>

16:40	<p>Panel discussion: Research technologies as a catalyst for boosting academic and business cooperation in dual-use and defence Moderator: Maciej Zdanowicz</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dominik SOBCZAK – Deputy Head of Unit DG RTD E.1• Jakub SZLACHETKO, Polish Delegate to ESFRI, LEAPS Vice Chair, SOLARIS synchrotron• Sandis SRADERS, Researcher and MA program director, Latvian National Defence Academy• Martin KARNER, Head of Defence and Space Technology, AI & Robotics Estonia/ TalTech
16:40-20:00	Networking reception with thematic brokerage activities