

Fundación Feindef presents FEINDEF 27 to the diplomatic corps accredited in Spain and strengthens its international projection as a platform for defence and security cooperation

- The event brought together representatives from 34 countries to promote international participation in the next edition of the exhibition, which will take place in May 2027 at IFEMA Madrid.
- Ángel Olivares, President of Fundación Feindef, highlighted FEINDEF as an already established international platform aimed at generating cooperation, partnerships and real business opportunities in defence and security.
- Lieutenant General Miguel Ivorra, Director General for Strategy and Innovation of the Defence Industry, framed FEINDEF 27 within a key moment for European defence and underlined the momentum of the Industrial and Technological Plan for Security and Defence as a reflection of Spain's commitment to a modern, innovative industry prepared to address new security challenges.

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Fundación Feindef held today at the Spanish Higher Centre for National Defence Studies (CESEDEN) an institutional event aimed at the diplomatic corps accredited in Spain, with the objective of presenting the next edition of FEINDEF, Spain's International Defence and Security Exhibition, and further strengthening its international dimension.

The event brought together representatives from 34 countries and featured the participation of Lieutenant General Miguel Ivorra, Director General for Strategy and Innovation of the Defence Industry, and Ángel Olivares, President of Fundación Feindef. The event was also attended by Spanish civilian and military authorities, as well as representatives of the Foundation's Board of Trustees, consolidating its position as a leading forum for institutional dialogue and international cooperation in the field of defence and security.

During the event, Ángel Olivares highlighted FEINDEF's evolution as one of the sector's leading international platforms, stressing that "in just a few years it has established itself as a key environment connecting institutions, industry and capabilities, focused on generating cooperation and delivering results."

In this regard, he underlined that FEINDEF goes beyond the traditional concept of a trade exhibition, positioning itself instead as a platform that facilitates the creation of partnerships, the development of joint projects and interaction among international stakeholders in an increasingly demanding geopolitical context. He also highlighted the support provided by the Ministry of Defence since the first edition, together with the backing of the industrial ecosystem represented by TEDAE and AESMIDE, as fundamental pillars of FEINDEF's growth.

The President of the Foundation also placed FEINDEF's development within the current strategic environment, highlighting Spain's position as a reliable partner open to international cooperation, with an innovative and competitive industrial ecosystem integrated into major European programmes. This is further reinforced by the sustained increase in defence investment, which continues to generate industrial, technological and cooperation opportunities on a global scale.

The event also featured the closing remarks of Lieutenant General Miguel Ivorra, who framed FEINDEF 27 within a particularly significant moment for international security, Europe and the defence industry. In this context, he underlined that the exhibition, which benefits from the explicit support of the Ministry of Defence, should be understood not only as the preparation of a new edition, but also as an opportunity to project its role within the current global strategic environment.

During his speech, Ivorra highlighted that the defence industry has acquired a central strategic importance, positioning itself at the core of deterrence capabilities, operational readiness and technological sovereignty. He also stressed Spain's efforts to strengthen its Defence Technological and Industrial Base (DTIB), supported by a clear roadmap defined through the Defence Industrial Strategy and the Defence Technology and Innovation Strategy.

Within this framework, he referred to the Industrial and Technological Plan for Security and Defence, backed by more than €10.4 billion in investment, as the materialisation of this strategic approach and as a lever to consolidate a modern, innovative and competitive industry capable of responding to the challenges of the new security environment.

He also emphasised the importance of advancing international cooperation and the joint development of capabilities, underlining that strategic autonomy can only be built through collaboration among allies, industrial integration and shared innovation. In this regard, he highlighted FEINDEF's role as an international platform aimed at strengthening alliances, promoting cooperation and connecting industries, institutions and Armed Forces in an increasingly demanding global environment.

An exhibition in continuous growth

FEINDEF has experienced remarkable growth in recent editions. In 2025, the exhibition welcomed more than 43,000 professional visitors, featured 628 exhibiting companies and brought together representatives from 68 countries, with significant increases in both attendance and business participation. It also hosted more than 90 high-level International Delegations, together with organisations such as NATO, the European Union and the European Defence Agency, consolidating its global character and its capacity to generate dialogue and real business opportunities.



FEINDEF 27 will take place from 18 to 20 May 2027 at IFEMA Madrid and is conceived as a new stage of growth and international consolidation. Reflecting the strong interest in the next edition, contracted exhibition space already represents a 21% increase compared to the total occupied during FEINDEF 25, despite the event still being one year away.

The Foundation is already working towards exceeding 63,000 professional visitors, reaching nearly 90,000 m² of exhibition space, hosting 800 exhibitors (300 of them international) and welcoming 100 International Delegations, further strengthening both international participation and the quality of the business environment.

In this context, Fundación Feindef highlighted to the diplomatic corps the importance of its role as a facilitator of relations and promoter of cooperation among countries, inviting ambassadors and Defence Attachés to encourage the participation of their respective national delegations, companies and institutions in FEINDEF 27.

Fundación Feindef

Fundación Feindef is a private, non-profit organization dedicated to raising awareness among Spanish and European society about the importance of Security and Defence as strategic pillars for economic, technological, and social development. Its work promotes the dissemination of the value of research, innovation, and scientific and technological development in this key field for the future.

Founded in 2020, the Foundation was created with the aim of strengthening the Defence and Security industry ecosystem in Spain and contributing to its international projection. Established by the Spanish Ministry of Defence together with the associations TEDAE and AESMIDE, its mission is to consolidate a reference platform that positions the Spanish industry as a leading, innovative, and competitive global player.

It's an organization designed to project a modern, solid, and innovative image of the sector, in line with its real contribution to the progress of Spain and Europe.

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