

FEINDEF 25 closes historic edition with over 44,000 visitors, strategic agreements and crucial impetus for innovation in defence

- *FEINDEF 25 exceeds expectations with outstanding level of professional participation, solid institutional representation and an intense agenda of activities, consolidating the exhibition as an essential meeting point.*
- *The FEINDEF Foundation is already working on what will be the 5th edition of the exhibition, scheduled for May 2027, with the aim of further reaffirming its role as an engine of innovation, collaboration and industrial development.*

Madrid, 14 May 2025. The 4th edition of the International Defence and Security Fair of Spain (FEINDEF), hosted at IFEMA Madrid from 12 to 14 May, closed today after consolidating its position as a leading platform for international cooperation, industrial stimulus and technological innovation in the defence sector. Over three days, 44,000 professionals visited the four halls of an exhibition that brought together 600 exhibitors and 91 international delegations.

Institutional and strategic leadership

The inauguration was presided by Ángel Olivares, Chairman of the FEINDEF Foundation, with the participation of Ricardo Martí Fluxá, Chairman of TEDAE, and Gerardo Sánchez Revenga, Chairman of AESMIDE. Also present were the Minister for Defence, Margarita Robles; the Minister of Industry and Tourism, Jordi Hereu; Secretary of State for Defence, María Amparo Valcarce; and Esperanza Casteleiro, Secretary of State and Director of the National Intelligence Center (CNI), together with the Joint Chiefs of Staff of the three branches of the military, who appeared at a round table discussion on the technological challenges and the operational transformation of the Armed Forces.

Moreover, the Secretary of State for Defence participated in the closing day with an institutional address as part of a round table on “Women, Engineering and Defence,” underlining the role of female talent in the innovation and transformation of the sector.

Strategic agreements and industrial cooperation

The exhibition was also the stage for the presentation of industrial and technological plans and industrial autonomy strategies. The active participation of the Global Sponsors, including Airbus, EM&E, AMPER, Grupo Oesía, Indra and Navantia, reinforced their leadership in the key contents of the event.

Topics such as the reorganisation of the industrial fabric, investment in critical capabilities, and the need for a European collaborative structure to ensure technological and operational sovereignty were also addressed.

INNOVA: the heart of innovation

The INNOVA Space proved to be the epicentre of disruptive technology, with activities, meetings between startups and investment funds and debates on dual-use technologies, digitalisation and digital defence. Over the three days, leaders from institutions like the CDTI, ISDEFE, DIANA and INCIBE all participated.

Cyberdefence, AI and disruptive technologies

The topic of cyberdefence was never far from the centre of proceedings, with conferences organised by the Cyberspace Joint Command (MCCE), the National Intelligence Centre (CNI), the Guardia Civil and leading cybersecurity companies. Innovative models against cybercrime, deterrence in the digital environment and the role of cyberspace as an operational domain were all discussed.

Also presented were advances in AI applied to military logistics, model compression (CompactifAI) and next-generation technology systems. Panels also discussed disruptive technologies for the future.

FEINDEF 25 also gave visibility to the role of society in defence, with initiatives such as the panel “In Defence of All,” aimed at bringing the sector closer to the new generations. Meanwhile, the event also saw intense diplomatic and commercial activity with representatives from 56 countries.

Key information

Dates: 12, 13 and 14 May 2025

Venue: IFEMA Madrid (Halls 4, 6, 8 and 10)

Opening hours: From 9:30 to 18:00

Schedule of activities: <https://registro.feindefevent.com/feindef2025/es/Custom/Programa>

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