

Fundación Feindef presents its 2025 Annual Report, marked by FEINDEF 25, which consolidates its international projection and triples attendance in just four editions

- The document highlights the growth of FEINDEF 25, which welcomed more than 43,300 visitors, a 78% increase compared to the previous edition, expanded its exhibition area fivefold to 61,000 m² and multiplied the number of exhibitors by more than four.
- FEINDEF strengthens its international positioning as a leading International Defence and Security Exhibition, with 211 international exhibitors, representing an 88% increase compared to the previous edition, 91 official foreign delegations from across the five continents and institutional and corporate representation from 68 countries. Fundación Feindef is already preparing FEINDEF 27, which will take place from 18 to 20 May 2027 at IFEMA Madrid.
- The 2025 Annual Report also includes initiatives such as the Innovation Award for the Armed Forces, recognising innovative talent in both military and civilian fields, and the Women, Engineering and Defence (MID) project, aimed at promoting female talent and STEM vocations, reaching more than 1,500 students across 17 educational centres.

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Fundación Feindef has presented its 2025 Annual Report, a document outlining the organisation's main milestones and areas of activity over the past year, marked by the fourth edition of FEINDEF, Spain's International Defence and Security Exhibition, which continues to experience sustained growth alongside an intense institutional agenda focused on innovation and talent development.

The 2025 Annual Report highlights FEINDEF's evolution as one of Europe's leading meetings for the defence and security sector. In just four editions, FEINDEF 25 has experienced

significant growth, surpassing 43,300 visitors, representing a 78% increase compared to the previous edition in 2023 and more than triple the attendance recorded at the first edition in 2019.

The fourth edition of the exhibition expanded its size fivefold since its launch, exceeding 61,000 m² of exhibition area in 2025, including nearly 6,000 m² of static display area, and hosted nearly 630 exhibitors over three days, more than four times the number recorded in 2019. Of these, 211 were international exhibitors, representing an 88% increase compared to the previous edition and more than eight times the figure recorded in 2019. FEINDEF 25 also welcomed 91 official foreign delegations from across the five continents, together with institutional and corporate representation from 68 countries, consolidating FEINDEF's position as one of Europe's leading international defence and security exhibitions and demonstrating the growing global interest in the Spanish exhibition after only four editions.

The presence of organisations such as the European Commission, NATO and the United Nations, together with high-level official delegations and broad representation from Spain's autonomous communities, underlines FEINDEF's role as a global forum for innovation, cooperation and technological development, as well as a leading platform for the presentation of industrial and technological programmes, industrial cooperation and the generation of collaboration and business opportunities in the national and international defence and security sectors.

According to the survey conducted by Fundación Feindef during the exhibition and included in the 2025 Annual Report, 86% of exhibitors and visitors stated their intention to participate again in future editions, while 87% confirmed they would recommend FEINDEF to other professionals in the sector.

Fundación Feindef is already preparing FEINDEF 27, which will take place from 18 to 20 May 2027 at IFEMA Madrid, as a new opportunity to continue promoting innovation, cooperation and technological exchange between institutions and industry, while also advancing key industrial and technological priorities for the future of the defence and security sector.

Driving innovation and female talent in 2025

In addition to the exhibition, the 2025 Annual Report highlights other key milestones promoted by the Foundation. Among them is the *Innovation Award for the Armed Forces*, aimed at recognising and encouraging innovative talent in both military and civilian fields through research, development and innovation projects linked to defence and security.

The Foundation presented this award to Lieutenant Francisco Javier Ruiz de Erenchun Jener for a project focused on the integration of unmanned technologies (UAVs) into military operations, within the framework of the National R&D Congress on Defence and Security (DESEi+d 2025). Other finalist projects were also recognised, including initiatives related to predictive platform maintenance, fire simulation and the development of recoilless weapon systems with direct application to Armed Forces operational capabilities.

The latest edition of the Annual Report also highlights the progress of the *Women, Engineering and Defence* (MID) project, promoted by Fundación Feindef to encourage female talent and STEM vocations within the defence and security sector. Throughout the year, the project



carried out awareness and outreach activities in seven educational centres involving more than 500 students in the 3rd and 4th years of secondary education, reaching a total of 17 schools across Spain and more than 1,565 students overall.

The project also included lectures and discussion forums at universities, where military and civilian engineers from the sector engaged with final-year STEM students. Overall, the MID project consolidates a comprehensive action model based on awareness, education and the visibility of female role models, contributing to strengthening the presence of women in the defence and security industry.

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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