

Technology, industry and strategic autonomy set the tone on second day of FEINDEF 25

- *Spanish industry reaffirms its role in technological transformation on busy day of round table discussions, conferences and demonstrations in front of more than 17,000 visitors.*
- *Minister of Defence and leading companies like Navantia, AMPER, EM&E and Airbus discuss present and future challenges of the sector.*

Madrid, 13 May 2025. The second day of FEINDEF 25 focused on the transformation of the defence ecosystem through innovation, digitalization and the reinforcement of strategic industrial capabilities. With a strong institutional and business presence, the day's agenda brought together senior representatives of the Ministry of Defense, industry leaders, startups and international delegations, and saw the prominent participation of Global Sponsors including Navantia, AMPER, EM&E Group and Airbus. The day closed with a total attendance of over 17,000 visitors.

Digital defence and industrial capacities

The morning began with a high-level round table discussion on digital strategy in the Ministry of Defense, with the participation of Lieutenant General José María Millán Martínez (CESTIC), who set out the advances made in digitalization, cybersecurity and technological governance. This institutional vision was reinforced by the industrial approach shared by EM&E, presenting its commitment to applied innovation and the integration of advanced technologies in complex operating environments.

Meanwhile, other round tables addressed the challenges of investment and industrialization of critical capabilities. Here, AMPER took a key role in one of highlights of the day, a session focused on industrial organisation and cooperation within the national defence ecosystem. CEO Enrique López shared the company's vision of the importance of generating collaborative, resilient and cutting-edge technological structures to guarantee Spain's strategic autonomy and its projection in Europe.

Within the same framework, Navantia reinforced its role as one of the pillars of the national technological innovation with the address “Navantia: Vanguard of Innovation,” presented by Chairman Ricardo Domínguez. During his address, Mr. Domínguez underlined the strategic value of innovation as an engine of industrial sovereignty and as the backbone of current and future major defence programs: “We have made the right decisions: investment decisions, R&D, technological and industrial transformation, human capita decisions, all in order to be prepared to respond adequately to the challenges ahead.”

Startups and large programs share ground on the new industrial map

The second day also explored the role of startups and new models of entrepreneurship in defence. Round tables also focused on investment and international industrial cooperation, with the participation of leading companies, where the value of Spain as a key player in the promotion of a solid, inclusive and technologically advanced European strategic autonomy was vindicated.

Cybersecurity and borders: defence also at stake in the digital arena

Hall 8 hosted a packed programme focused on cyber defence, with presentations and round tables with experts from the Joint Cyberspace Command, Thales, TRC, Accenture, Telefónica and a number of European institutions. Sessions addressed issues ranging from the protection of the digital domain to new models of deterrence in the context of hybrid warfare.

There was also a Guardia Civil round table, focused on integrated border management and operational cooperation with European agencies, with the presence of representatives of the European Commission and the Italian Guardia di Finanza. The integrated approach of these activities served to highlight the geostrategic and technological dimension of the event.

Throughout the day, FEINDEF 25 continued to receive thousands of professionals from the sector, consolidating its role as the great meeting platform for defence, innovation and industry. The active participation of the Global Sponsors in the main content of the day revealed the event's leadership in the configuration of a new model of industrial cooperation, adapted to the challenges of today and with an outlook firmly focused on the future.

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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