

NATO Edge 26 – Factsheet

- **Date:** 17–19 November 2026
- **Venue:** [Fuar İzmir](#), İzmir
- **Host nation:** Türkiye
- **Organiser:** NATO Communications and Information Agency (NCIA)
- **Participants:** 2,000+
 - NATO, national military and government representatives with a high level of seniority and decision - making capacity.
 - Industry (primes, SMEs, startups)
 - Not-for-profits (Academia and applied research)
- **Exhibitors:** ~200 technology companies and innovators
- **Website:** <https://www.natoedge.nato.int/>

What is NATO Edge?

NATO Edge is not a traditional conference—it is NATO’s biggest business and industry engagement platform, a working event designed to match specific operational requirements with innovative solutions in support of NATO’s digital transformation and readiness. The event brings together NATO decision makers and officials, Allied governments and military, and industry to accelerate the delivery of operational capabilities to the Alliance.

Organised by the NCIA, NATO’s technology and cyber capability delivery hub, the 2026 edition of NATO Edge is linked to real capability development, upcoming business opportunities, and delivery pathways.

NATO Edge 26 is designed to:

- Accelerate capability delivery to the operational environment
- Strengthen NATO’s readiness and resilience
- Align industry innovation with NATO’s real operational needs
- Enable faster, more agile acquisition and delivery
- Bridge the gap between requirements, solutions, and fielding

Core focus: Delivery and Readiness

From innovation → To implementation

- Prioritising deployable, scalable solutions
- Emphasising time-to-delivery and mission impact

From discussion → To outcomes

- Structured around real operational challenges
- Focus on tangible next steps and follow-on actions

From engagement → To capability

- Direct link to NCIA programmes and NATO acquisition processes
- Supporting end-to-end capability lifecycle

Key themes

NATO Edge 26 will address technologies critical to multi-domain operations and digital transformation:

- Artificial Intelligence & data-driven decision-making
- Cloud, edge computing & digital infrastructure
- Cybersecurity & cyber defence
- Interoperability & federated systems

- Command & Control (C2) applications
- Space technologies and satellite communications
- Agile procurement & digital services delivery

Event concept design

The event is designed for **impact and execution**, not just visibility:

Leadership Keynotes & Strategic Panels

- Senior NATO and national leaders set the strategic context
- Focused on operational delivery and readiness
- High level insight into priorities shaping the next phase of NATO capability delivery

Industry Breakouts

- Focused on real NATO operational and delivery challenges
- NATO and industry experts to address practical delivery challenges

Pre-Procurement Workshops

- Interactive workshops where operational problem sets turn into business solutions.
- NATO solicits industry input and feedback on operational, technical, contractual and other aspects of upcoming procurement projects.

Business Opportunities Briefings

- Upcoming business opportunities
- Cyber Security and IT infrastructure, Command and Control and deployable CIS, Space technologies, Satellite Communicates, Autonomous Systems and advanced tech, AI and Data Analytics, digital capabilities, and many more.
- Early visibility of future demand and procurement direction, enabling industry to plan, invest and align capabilities accordingly.

Exhibition, networking and engagement

- Dedicated exhibition space with over 200 exhibitors from across the Alliance showcasing their solutions and products
- Centralized #OneNATO focal point with representatives from throughout the NATO Enterprise (ACO, ACT, NSPA, CDT, DIANA, NOR, D2IA)
- Structured speed-dating sessions with NATO personnel
- Informal and curated networking opportunities to maximise engagement and future partnerships

Value Proposition

NATO EDGE is not a traditional conference - it is a NATO-industry engagement and capability delivery platform.

For Industry

- >1 billion EUR in NATO business opportunities
- Opportunity to shape and influence early-stage requirements
- Visibility with key decision-makers, project managers and acquisition experts
- Pathways toward operational adoption and procurement

For NATO/gov/military

- Concept linked to NATO political priorities (defence spending, industry partnership, support to Ukraine)
- Faster alignment between requirements, innovation, and delivery
- Access to cutting-edge, mission-relevant technologies
- Strengthened industrial partnerships and resilience
- Acceleration of capability development cycles