

Defense Industry – NATO Summit Defence Industry Forum 26

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Ankara, July 7, 2026 – The heart of the Alliance's security strategy beats today in Ankara. On the occasion of the NATO Summit 2026, the **NATO Summit Defence Industry Forum (NSDIF26)** is held, the flagship event dedicated to production, investment, and innovation in the transatlantic defense sector.

With the participation of NATO Secretary General, Mark Rutte, and top representatives from institutions and industry, the Forum aims to address a categorical imperative reiterated by previous editions in The Hague and Washington: **there is no solid defense without an equally solid defense industry.**

The Focus: From Investments to Action

At the center of this year's debate is the Allies' commitment to the ambitious **5% defense investment plan**. The Forum aims to analyze not only how these resources are allocated, but

how they are concretely transformed into:

- Increased industrial production.
- Greater transatlantic cooperation.
- Joint-procurement to ensure effective industrial deterrence for the entire Alliance.



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A New Feature: The Stage for Major Agreements

For the first time in the history of the Forum, the day will be characterized by **high-level announcements** regarding agreements, initiatives, and new synergies between governments, multinational actors, and industry.

From 10:00 AM, key moments will follow, touching on strategic sectors prioritized by NATO:

- **Space and Surveillance:** Monitoring and control of critical orbits.
- **Integrated Air and Missile Defense:** For comprehensive protection of Allied territory.
- **Emerging Technologies:** From the drone revolution (the so-called "NATO’s Drone Edge") to the management of critical raw materials for war production.

The morning will culminate in a **Mass Signing Ceremony** in the presence of NATO Deputy Secretary General, Radmila Šekerinska, as a testament to cohesive political and industrial will.



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An Agenda for the Future

The afternoon program opens with plenary sessions, focused on industrial preparedness as a "whole-of-society" approach. Among the key topics are:

- **Innovation Financing:** How to scale production starting from new technologies.
- **NATO-EU Cooperation:** Necessary synergies for a more capable and complementary Europe and Alliance.
- **Industry as a Military Variable:** The ability to support tomorrow's battlefields through a ready, responsive, and integrated industrial ecosystem.

Conclusion

The NSDIF26 in Ankara is not just a conference, but an operational hub. With the aim of translating financial capital into technological and operational superiority, NATO is charting a clear course: collective security requires an industry capable of keeping pace with modern threats.

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