

## PRESS RELEASE

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### Enforce Tac 2025: the industry summit for security, defence, and innovation

Enforce Tac, long established as the leading trade fair for internal and external security in Europe, is set to take place in Nuremberg for the 12th time. With around 1,000 exhibitors in five halls covering some 50,000 square metres, the exhibition promises to set standards yet again. This comprehensive industry event with renowned manufacturers not only offers visitors a display of the latest technologies but also a multi-faceted supporting programme featuring symposia, multilateral dialogue, exclusive VIP sessions and innovative trade fair formats.

- **Exclusive VIP guests from government and the military establishment:** They include Bavarian Minister of the Interior Joachim Herrmann and high-ranking representatives of NATO and the EU.
- **Premiere for leading companies and pavilions:** First appearance for KNDS and Smith & Wesson at Enforce Tac 2025, as Austrian and Norwegian pavilions also make their debut.
- **Enforce Tac Village:** Once again, witness products from leading companies live in action.
- **Premiere of Enforce Tac Stage:** the destination for high-calibre presentations, inspiring start-up pitches and dynamic discussion panels.
- **Premiere of German-Nordic Defence Industry Dialogue:** Initiator Dr Christian Wildhagen and Enforce Tac have partnered to bring key players to the table to explore strategies for faster and more effective military capabilities.
- **Premiere of AMMO SYMPOSIUM:** Enforce Tac and RWS GmbH bring together leading experts and decision-makers to discuss the current challenges in ammunition procurement.
- **Exclusive events and high-calibre symposia:** including USK Freundeskreis e.V., DHPol and UAV DACH.

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Yet again, Enforce Tac is setting benchmarks in 2025 – with a multifaceted programme, innovative show formats and exclusive networking opportunities. Whether live in the Enforce Tac Village, online via Enforce Tac TV or at the many symposia and discussion forums – visitors can look forward to an experience that puts security, defence and innovation centre stage. The trade fair offers the ideal platform for forging contacts, getting to know the latest technologies, and gaining fresh impetus for the future.

### **Prominent visitors and VIP guests**

As in previous years, Enforce Tac will again welcome high-ranking guests from government and the military establishment. The VIPs include Vice-Admiral Carsten Stawitzki, Consul General Dr James Miller (USA) as well as ambassadors and consuls general from Lithuania, Poland, Austria and Hungary. Despite the forthcoming snap federal elections in Germany, Bavarian Minister Joachim Herrmann, the patron of the event, is determined not to miss out on his visit to Enforce Tac in 2025.

### **Premiere for leading companies and pavilions**

As well as numerous companies like Heckler & Koch or MBDA that are taking part for the umpteenth time, KNDS and Smith & Wesson are among the exhibitors making their personal debut at Enforce Tac this year. KNDS (KMW+Nexter Defense Systems) is a European market leader in military land systems renowned for its innovations and cutting-edge artillery systems. The company combines the expertise of German firm Krauss-Maffei Wegmann GmbH & Co. KG (KMW) and the French Nexter Group and is a byword for state-of-the-art high-tech systems in Europe. At Enforce Tac, Smith & Wesson, one of the longest-established manufacturers of firearms worldwide, will be showcasing its latest developments in weapons for tactical and official security applications. The US company is especially well-known for its reliable service pistols and tactical rifles that are used worldwide by security and military forces.

At Enforce Tac 2025 there will be four new national pavilions: the Austrian Pavilion, the Norwegian Pavilion and pavilions representing Lithuania and Hungary. The Austrian Pavilion provides an exclusive platform for companies from Austria to showcase their latest technologies and products. Likewise, the Norwegian Pavilion will bring together national players from the Norwegian defence industry for the first time. Both pavilions underline the increasing internationalisation of Enforce Tac and allow trade visitors to enjoy direct contact with leading companies from these countries.

## **Enforce Tac Village: live demonstrations in a discreet atmosphere**

The Enforce Tac Village will go into its second round – and this year it will be protected from the elements in Hall 8. The practical concept allows companies to demonstrate their products live in action in realistic scenarios involving suitably trained personnel. The focus is on the product presentation. Visitors can look forward to demonstrations including products from renowned manufacturers like CeoTronics, OBUV-SPECIAL, ESKA, Tasmanian Tiger, Taiga AB, SCHUBERTH, Axon Public Safety, WERO, Wiley X, Rheinmetall, Diehl Defence, md-textil, Nextorch, Thales and Marathon Targets. The importance of this format was highlighted by md-textil: “We are delighted to be taking part in the Enforce Tac Village for the second time and providing practical insights into our products,” says Marcel Doneth, Managing Director of md-textil. German arms manufacturers Rheinmetall and Diehl Defence are also using the Village to present their products live in action away from the stationary trade fair stands. A special networking event is being held on the second day of the fair, when Enforce Tac and its partners from the Enforce Tac Village host a “beer o’clock” from 16:00 to provide an informal opportunity for exchanges.

Hall 8 is also home to Enforce Tac’s newly created “JOB ZONE – *MISSION READY FOR A NEW JOB*”. This section allows Enforce Tac exhibitors to post vacant positions at their companies and offers a space for potential discussions between the companies and prospective candidates.

Venue: Hall 8, Stand 8-512

## **Enforce Tac Stage: innovations, technologies and current developments**

On the Enforce Tac Stage, visitors can look forward to a unique opportunity to access concentrated expert knowledge at first hand. Renowned experts will present topics such as the threat from drones and effective defensive measures (Securiton GmbH), modern sniffer dog training (Kynotec GmbH), and innovative developments in small arms ammunition technology (FN Herstal). There will also be exclusive insights into new materials for body armour (DuPont) and the tactical benefits of interconnected mobile intelligence systems (PLATH GmbH & CO KG). In the breaks between presentations, the audience can watch the live stream from the Enforce Tac Village, when exciting scenarios are streamed live from the demonstration area onto the stage in Hall 8. There will also be presentations on winning over Generation Z for security-related professions, or more specifically,

special units (Dr Bernd Bürger), and on the role of artificial intelligence in drone navigation (Spleenlab GmbH).

Venue: Hall 10.0, Stand 10.0-549.

## **German-Nordic Defence Industry Dialogue puts the spotlight on multilateral cooperation**

A special highlight on the Monday is the premiere of the German-Nordic Defence Industry Dialogue. This initiative brings together representatives of the German and Nordic defence industry, government ministries and research establishments to explore strategies for faster and more effective military capabilities. “More than ever, the security policy situation calls for intensive dialogue between the relevant players. Our aim is to accelerate this dialogue and implement innovative solutions more quickly in practice,” says Dr Christian Wildhagen, initiator of the format and Managing Director of Wildhagen Nordisk Konsult. The event will take place from 12:00 to 18:00 on 24 February 2025 in the Hong Kong Room at NCC Ost. Interested parties can register at: <https://www.enforcetac.com/en/programme/registration-german-nordic-defence-industry-dialogue>.

## **AMMO SYMPOSIUM: the premiere of a groundbreaking format**

The high point of Tuesday's programme will be the launch of the Ammo Symposium. High-calibre speakers like Lieutenant General (Ret.) Ben Hodges, Marco Detratti (European Commission), Šarūnas Genys (Invest Lithuania) and Jonas Sohlin (EURENCO Bofors) will discuss the key challenges of ammunition procurement in Europe. The event will take place from 9:00 to 16:00 on 25 February 2025 in the Munich Room at NCC Mitte. Interested parties can register at:

<https://www.enforcetac.com/en/programme/request-ammo-symposium>

## **Exclusive events and interactive formats**

Alongside the public programme features, Enforce Tac also offers closed events. For example, the USK Freundeskreis e.V. (a charity providing support to police officers in need) will hold its AGM during the trade fair. “Enforce Tac is the perfect platform for our meeting, as it combines professional expertise, networking opportunities and practical demonstrations,” says Stefan Thiele, the chair of the association. In partnership with the USK Freundeskreis e.V., a fitness test will also be conducted in the Enforce Tac Fitness Area. As a special incentive, successful participants will receive a limited “USK x Enforce Tac Patch”,

while Enforce Tac will make a donation to the Nuremberg Children's Hospice on behalf of each person taking part.

Venue: Hall 8, Stand 8-206

Hall 8 will also see the launch of the Enforce Tac Social Media Stand, where visitors can create a 360-degree photo free of charge as a souvenir of their time at the trade fair.

Venue: Hall 8, Stand 8-306

### **High-calibre symposia: knowledge transfer at the highest level**

Enforce Tac is expanding its programme of conventions. For the first time, the German Customs Authority will hold a symposium at Enforce Tac on the topic "Modern Crime Fighting", while the Carl-Cranz-Gesellschaft e.V. will discuss "Drone/UAV Warfare – State of the Art and Foreseeable Developments". The German Police Academy (DHPol) is again hosting a conference on new developments in firearms, ammunition and tactical equipment. "Our aim is to present current developments and foster professional dialogue," says Professor Wilfried Honekamp from DHPol. In addition, the UAV DACH expert group "Public Security and Defence" will again hold a meeting at the fair.

### **Special start-up area presents innovations for law enforcement and defence**

This year, Enforce Tac will again offer a special platform for start-ups in the field of law enforcement and defence. Around 20 German and international start-ups will present their innovative solutions and technologies on the special display area, divided into the categories "Young Innovators" (German start-ups) and "Start-ups@EnforceTac" (international start-ups). The participants include Corelock Defence Systems and AM Technologies. This platform offers young companies a unique opportunity to present their innovations to a professional audience, make valuable contacts, and win over potential investors and partners.

### **Enforce Tac TV gives exhibitors lasting visibility**

Another established format is Enforce Tac TV, where exhibitors can present their products in a professional YouTube format over and beyond the trade fair itself. Interested parties can follow the contents on the official Enforce Tac YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/enforcetac>. This year's participants include Schöffel Sportbekleidung, Messer Waffenhandel, Busch PROtective, Schuberth, Tasmanian Tiger, Nextorch, Held, Phantomleaf,

WERO, Gore, Lindnerhof-Taktik, Hornady, SABRE, Diehl Defence, eurolaser, Meier-Medizintechnik, analyticon instruments and Opsmen Tech.

## **Media event and exhibitor evening**

This year's media event will take place on the first day of the fair in Brussels Room 2 at NCC Mitte. Invited press and media representatives can enjoy another exclusive setting for exchanging information and ideas in a relaxed atmosphere.

This year's exhibitor evening will take place on the second day of the fair under the motto "Ready to rock" starting at 18:00 on Level 3, NCC Ost.

## **Save the date**

Enforce Tac is an international trade fair established as a platform for the security and defence sector. It offers the industry the opportunity to develop promising perspectives and to collaborate to strengthen the internal and external security of Germany and Europe as a whole. In 2025, the fair will expand to fill five halls and around 50,000 m<sup>2</sup> of display area, where some 1,000 exhibitors from about 50 countries will showcase their solutions for internal and external security.

Enforce Tac will be held at Exhibition Centre Nuremberg from 24 to 26 February 2025. For more information please visit: [www.enforcetac.com](http://www.enforcetac.com)

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