



**Programme for the Conference  
„Towards an action plan for strengthening European Small and Medium sized Enterprises in  
the Defence Sector“  
from 30-31 March 2010**

**30 March 2010**

**19:00-22:00:** Welcome registration and Dinner

**31 March 2010 – Conference**

**09:00 – 10:00:** Registration / coffee

**10:00- 10:15:** Key note speech

*Luigi Vitiello, Acting Head of Unit H1  
European Commission, DG ENTR*

**10:15-10:30:** The SME perspective

*Dr. Rolf Ahlers, Head of SMEs at ASD, CEO ASG*

**10:30-11:00:** ASD support for SMEs and the Aeroportal project

*Norbert Reich, Head of Equipment &SMEs, ASD*

**11:00-11:15:** Questions & Answers

**11:15- 11:45:** Coffee break and photo

**11:45-12:15:** The Small Business Act

*Mechthild Wörsdörfer, Head of unit E2,  
DG ENTR, European Commission*

**12:15-12:30:** Questions &Answers

**12:30-14:00:** Lunch

**14:00-14:30:** New strategies to strengthen European SMEs in the defence sector

*Dagmar Metzger, Policy Officer, European  
Commission DG ENTR, H1*

**14:30-14:45:** Questions &Answers

**14:45-15:15:** Depth and diversity of a competitive EDTIB: SMEs in defence

*Pieter Taal, Assistant Director I&M, EDA*

**15:15 – 15:30:** Questions & Answers

**15:30-16:00:** Adoption of the Action Plan for Strengthening European SMEs in the defence sector

**16:00:** end of the conference