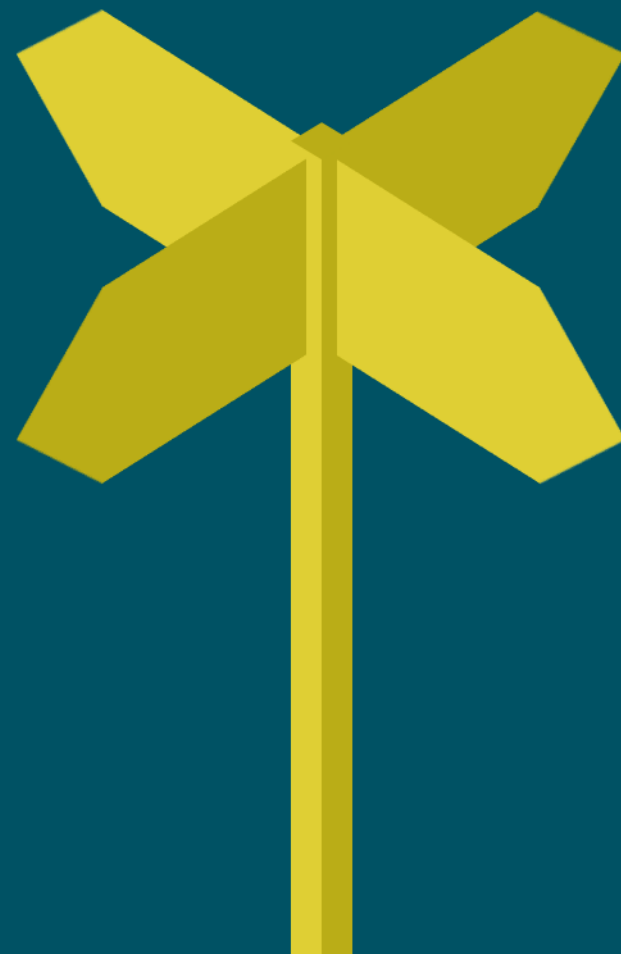


# INNOVATION SIGNPOST

A guide to five government  
defence and security  
innovation organisations



## SUPPORTING INNOVATION

### Five organisations in defence and security



ACE rapidly develops and accelerates practical solutions in response to front-line security and safety mission challenges.

## TRL RANGE AND MISSION FOCUS

### Support at each stage of development

#### TECHNOLOGY READINESS LEVEL RANGE



Harnessing the best capabilities from industry and academia to respond to digital, data and operational challenges.

#### TECHNOLOGY READINESS LEVEL RANGE



Linking potential solutions to challenges. Providing access to funding and business growth services to enable the commercialisation of novel ideas and their entry into the NS market.

#### TECHNOLOGY READINESS LEVEL RANGE



Working with the private sector to identify market-ready solutions that can mitigate upstream threats.

#### TECHNOLOGY READINESS LEVEL RANGE



Investing to accelerate the adoption of HMG's future national security and defence capabilities and the development of the UK's dual-use technology ecosystem.

#### TECHNOLOGY READINESS LEVEL RANGE



Ensuring priority mission problems are innovated against and science, technology and innovation are applied to government mission requirements. NSTIX develops tools and processes for government to enable this, such as co-creation.

## WHO SHOULD YOU APPROACH?

### You are in government and...

...your team has identified a digital/data/tech mission outcome but doesn't know how to scope the problem and define the delivery approach.

...your team needs access to secure environments to collaborate with industry and academia to accelerate solutions.

...you want to reach industry and academia, including those outside traditional supply chains to find innovative solutions to your NS Challenge that could meet your current or future needs.

...you want to know if there are existing solutions and/or support evaluating, accessing and enabling ideas that require development.

...you want to find out what innovative security tools are in the marketplace that could meet my current or future needs.

...you would like to engage with industry within your relevant policy/operational area, including using the Security and Policing event to meet with solution providers.

...you wish to build long-term relationships with companies of potential importance to operational capability, by deploying NSSIF Investment and gaining enhanced Insight.

...you wish to access and assess dual-use technologies by leveraging NSSIF Insight and Work Programmes, to make informed policy and capability decisions.

...you have a national security challenge and want to connect with other government organisations interested in the same theme.

...you have heard about co-creation spaces and the co-creation network and want to learn more.

### You are in industry / academia and...

...you'd like to work with the government on national security challenges.

...you would like to be a member of an industry community and/or academic research network to collaborate and deliver innovative solutions to government customers and public authorities.

...you have an idea you think might have the potential to support the NS sector, but need to qualify whether it would have application.

...you have an idea that might help National Security but need support, funding, and/or mentoring to develop and commercialise it and get it into your target market.

...you have a product with proven application in the security sector and are keen to explore markets outside the UK.

...you have a mature product and a business to support delivery, but need to showcase this into government, potentially using the Security and Policing event to do so.

...you have a technology with potential dual-use application for defence & security, and need a strategic, long-term, investment partner.

...you want to develop your technology and collaborate with government customers on mission problems, contracted and funded by an NSSIF Work Programme.

*NSTIX aims to enable broader engagement between government, industry and academia but does not engage with industry and academia directly.*

## ABOUT THE SIGNPOST

The signpost intends to help government, industry and academia begin to navigate the national security and defence science, technology and innovation system.

These five organisations are often confused but support innovation in different ways. The signpost sets out points of difference between them. The intention is to add other organisations over time.

## WHERE TO LEARN MORE

### ACE

Blogs, case studies and reports  
[www.gov.uk/ace](http://www.gov.uk/ace)

### DASA

Current funding opportunities, news and reports  
[www.gov.uk/dasa](http://www.gov.uk/dasa)

### JSaRC

Case studies, news and future event information  
[www.jsarc.org](http://www.jsarc.org)

### NSSIF

Case studies, technology areas and investment info  
[www.nssif.gov.uk](http://www.nssif.gov.uk)

### NSTIX

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