

**NATO**

**Releasable to Australia, Japan, Republic of Korea, Switzerland and Ukraine**

**IC26 – Agenda SPARK**

24-26 February 2026

g.k. Lozenets, Blvd "James Bourchier" 5, 1164 Sofia, Bulgaria

<b>24 February 2026, Tuesday</b>	
0800 – 0900	<b>Registration and in-processing (<i>GATE Atrium</i>)</b>
0900 – 0915	<b>Opening Remarks/ Introduction to the Innovation Continuum (<i>GATE Main Hall</i>)</b>  <b>0900 – 0910 Opening remarks</b> ACT Representative <b>0910 – 0915 Administrative and safety remarks</b> ACT Representative
0915 – 0925	<b>Welcome remarks (<i>GATE Main Hall</i>)</b> Prof. Sylvia Ilieva, GATE Director
0925 – 1015	<b>Overview of the Innovation Continuum (<i>GATE Main Hall</i>)</b>  - <b>0925 – 0935 SACT’s Beacon Projects 2026</b> ACT Representative <b>0935 – 0945 Military Use Case Framework</b> ACT Representative <b>0945 – 0955 NATO DIANA</b> DIANA Representative <b>0955 – 1005 Introduction to DIBAX</b> ACT Representative <b>1005 – 1015 Introduction STO</b> STO Representative
1015 – 1035	<b>GATE’s Contribution to NATO innovation (<i>GATE Main Hall</i>)</b> Mr. Borislav Bankov, PhD and Mr. Ivan Draganov
1035 – 1100	<b>Coffee Break (<i>GATE Atrium</i>)</b>
1100 – 1200	<b>Thematic introductions (<i>GATE Main Hall</i>)</b>  <b>1100 – 1105 Introduction to SPARK ‘26</b> ACT IC Lead <b>1105 – 1120 Introduction to TECH Syndicate</b> ACT Syndicate Lead <b>1120 – 1130 Introduction to OPS Syndicate</b>

**NATO**

**Releasable to Australia, Japan, Republic of Korea, Switzerland and Ukraine**

**NATO**

**Releasable to Australia, Japan, Republic of Korea, Switzerland and Ukraine**

	ACT Syndicate Lead <b>1130 – 1140 Introduction to IC Syndicate</b> ACT Syndicate Lead <b>1140 – 1155 Introduction to DIBAX Syndicate</b> ACT Syndicate Lead <b>1155 – 1200 Wrap up</b> ACT IC Lead			
1200 – 1300	<b>GATE tour and demos (GATE Atrium and Visualisation Lab)</b>  <b>1200 – 1220 Demo 1 (TBD)</b> Demo Presenter <b>1220 – 1240 Demo 2 (TBD)</b> Demo Presenter <b>1240 – 1300 Demo 3 (TBD)</b> Demo Presenter			
1300 – 1400	<b>Lunch Break (Outside GATE)</b>			
1400 – 1530	<b>Syndicate Work</b>			
	<b>TECH</b> (Main Hall)	<b>OPS</b> (Conference R1)	<b>IC</b> (Visualisation Lab)	<b>DIBAX</b> (Digital Twins Lab)
1530 – 1600	<b>Coffee Break (GATE Atrium)</b>			
1600 – 1700	<b>Syndicate Work</b>			
	<b>TECH</b> (Main Hall)	<b>OPS</b> (Conference R1)	<b>IC</b> (Visualisation Lab)	<b>DIBAX</b> (Digital Twins Lab)
1645 – 1700	<b>Daily wrap-up</b> IC Lead			
1700 – 1800	<b>Icebreaker (GATE Atrium)</b>			
<b>25 February 2026, Wednesday</b>				
0830 – 0900	<b>Innovators' Coffee (GATE Atrium)</b> ACT Representative			
0900 – 0915	<b>Announcements and Q&amp;A (GATE Main Hall)</b> ACT IC Lead			
0915 –	<b>Syndicate Work</b>			

**NATO**

**Releasable to Australia, Japan, Republic of Korea, Switzerland and Ukraine**

NATO

Releasable to Australia, Japan, Republic of Korea, Switzerland and Ukraine

1030	<b>TECH</b> <i>(Main Hall)</i>	<b>OPS</b> <i>(Conference R1)</i>	<b>IC</b> <i>(Visualisation Lab)</i>	<b>DIBAX</b> <i>(Digital Twins Lab)</i>
1030 – 1100	<b>Coffee Break (GATE Atrium)</b>			
1100 – 1200	<b>Syndicate Work</b>			
	<b>TECH</b> <i>(Main Hall)</i>	<b>OPS</b> <i>(Conference R1)</i>	<b>IC</b> <i>(Visualisation Lab)</i>	<b>DIBAX</b> <i>(Digital Twins Lab)</i>
1200 – 1300	<b>Lunch Break (Outside GATE)</b>			
1300 – 1330	<b>VISTA Training / Mil Use Cases (GATE Main Hall)</b> ACT Representative			
1330 – 1515	<b>Syndicate Work</b>			
	<b>TECH</b> <i>(Main Hall)</i>	<b>OPS</b> <i>(Conference R1)</i>	<b>IC</b> <i>(Visualisation Lab)</i>	<b>DIBAX</b> <i>(Digital Twins Lab)</i>
1515 – 1525	<b>Group Photo (GATE Atrium)</b>			
1525 – 1555	<b>Coffee Break (GATE Atrium)</b>			
1555 – 1715	<b>Syndicate Work</b>			
	<b>TECH</b> <i>(Main Hall)</i>	<b>OPS</b> <i>(Conference R1)</i>	<b>IC</b> <i>(Visualisation Lab)</i>	<b>DIBAX</b> <i>(Digital Twins Lab)</i>
1645 – 1715	<b>Daily wrap-up</b> IC Lead			
<b>25 February 2026, Thursday</b>				
0830 – 0900	<b>Innovators' Coffee (GATE Atrium)</b> ACT Representative			
0900 – 0915	<b>Announcements and Q&amp;A (GATE Main Hall)</b> ACT Representative			
0915 –	<b>Syndicate Work</b>			

NATO

Releasable to Australia, Japan, Republic of Korea, Switzerland and Ukraine

**NATO**

**Releasable to Australia, Japan, Republic of Korea, Switzerland and Ukraine**

1030	<b>TECH</b> <i>(Main Hall)</i>	<b>OPS</b> <i>(Conference R1)</i>	<b>IC</b> <i>(Visualisation Lab)</i>	<b>DIBAX</b> <i>(Digital Twins Lab)</i>
1030 – 1100	<b>Coffee Break (GATE Atrium)</b>			
1100 – 1200	<b>Syndicate Work</b>			
	<b>TECH</b> <i>(Main Hall)</i>	<b>OPS</b> <i>(Conference R1)</i>	<b>IC</b> <i>(Visualisation Lab)</i>	<b>DIBAX</b> <i>(Digital Twins Lab)</i>
1200 – 1300	<b>Lunch Break (Outside GATE)</b>			
1300 – 1330	<b>VISTA Training / Mil Use Cases (GATE Main Hall)</b> ACT Representative			
1330 – 1700	<b>Syndicate Work</b>			
	<b>TECH</b> <i>(Main Hall)</i>	<b>OPS</b> <i>(Conference R1)</i>	<b>IC</b> <i>(Visualisation Lab)</i>	<b>DIBAX</b> <i>(Digital Twins Lab)</i>
1500 – 1530	<b>Coffee Break (GATE Atrium)</b>			
1530 – 1700	<b>Outbriefs (GATE Main Hall)</b> <b>1530 – 1545 TECH Syndicate</b> Syndicate Lead <b>1545 – 1600 OPS Syndicate</b> Syndicate Lead <b>1600 – 1615 IC Syndicate</b> Syndicate Lead <b>1615 – 1700 Wrap up</b> ACT IC Lead			

**NATO**

**Releasable to Australia, Japan, Republic of Korea, Switzerland and Ukraine**