

Is your company signed-up to our Business e-Services portal?

We want to make it easier to do business with us. In our [customer charter](#) we made the commitment to work with our customers to [improve our services](#).

In spring 2020, we will launch a new intuitive and accessible portal interface that will help users manage their portal applications and correspondence in one central place.

To learn about the planned features, we would like to invite you to join our [live webinar](#) on Wednesday 11 Sep 2019 at 10:30am.

New features include:

- a planned consolidated view of multiple screens with one easy to use interface to manage portal applications
- all correspondence relating to these applications (notices, requisitions and letters sent to the user directly) will be viewable from this central interface
- an 'estimated completion date' based on our average completion times

Your feedback in this webinar will help shape future developments.

We're continuing to develop our services to make it easier and more intuitive to self-serve and increase speed of service for our customers.

New report highlights how use of geospatial data by AI and innovative tech is helping grow the UK economy

A new report out today (Tuesday 27 August 2019) highlights how the matching of geospatial and location data with 8 key emerging technologies, including artificial Intelligence (AI), 3D scanners, and immersive technologies, is growing the UK economy.

The report, funded by the Geospatial Commission and published by PUBLIC, an organisation that helps technology start-ups work better with the public sector, analyses commercial opportunities for use of geospatial data, considers the maturity of each technology in the UK, and provides numerous case studies and success stories.

Location data is a valuable tool for both the public and private sector, helping them make better decisions, that could range from tackling crime hotspots or finding the quickest routes for emergency services, to deciding where best to locate warehouses. Consequently, the Geospatial Commission was launched in 2017, and supported by £80 million of funding over that time to drive the move to use this data more productively.

This work builds on wider Cabinet Office plans for cross-government digital transformation, including a new Technology Innovation Strategy, launched in June, which sets out the government's approach to boosting the adoption of new technologies across the public sector.

Minister for the Cabinet Office Oliver Dowden, said:

Government investment in geospatial data is helping to grow our economy and improve public services. I welcome this report and look forward to taking the opportunities of geospatial technology even further.

Sir Andrew Dilnot, Chair of the Geospatial Commission, said:

I welcome this report published today which gives us a better understanding of the maturity of eight technologies and how they are likely to impact the future geospatial sector, which is rapidly growing.

It also outlines opportunities geospatial technologies provide to the UK, with insights into the investment landscape and snapshot case studies for external audiences who have not yet engaged with the geospatial community.

Dan Korski CBE, CEO and Co-Founder of PUBLIC added:

We are really excited to be launching this report, alongside the Geospatial Commission. Geospatial data and technology has the capability to drastically improve public services, from the way we manage transport in cities to how we plan smart energy policy.

The UK government is only at the beginning of its journey in exploiting these new technologies for the benefit of citizens and service providers alike. We look forward to seeing the impact of this report in the policy and projects to come.

Partnership and technology: UK theme at the 2019 International Defence Industry Exhibition

A range of world leading British technologies are being exhibited at MSP0 2019, working with Intec, as the United Kingdom looks to strengthen defence industrial ties with Poland.

Her Majesty's Ambassador to Poland, Jonathan Knott, is leading a strong UK delegation supported by Air Vice Marshal, Nigel Maddox, Senior Military Advisor in the Department for International Trade's Defence and Security Organisation (DIT DSO). UK companies are looking to develop new defence equipment relationships with Polish companies to identify innovative solutions to Poland's future requirements through partnerships and industrial cooperation.

Ambassador Knott said:

I am very pleased at the number of UK participants attending MPSO 2019, this reflects the importance and the commitment of both the British Government and UK companies to building a strong defence relationship with Poland.

The UK has a long-established track record of offering world leading value for money capabilities supported by training and logistic support. Our unique selling point is our commitment to close defence-industrial collaboration, including technology transfer. A number of UK exhibitors already have Polish partners.

Air Vice Marshal, Nigel Maddox, DIT DSO said:

MSP0 2019 is an important opportunity to discuss with the Polish Government how we can further strengthen our already close defence and security relationship. The UK themes are "Partnership and Technology Transfer" and I will be encouraging more industrial cooperation across the defence and security sectors.

The UK is committed to creating the ideal environment for UK and Polish companies to work together more closely in order to build a strong defence and security industrial base for our mutual benefit.

All interested partners and media are invited to visit the UK companies in Hall D Stand 12.

UK pavilion at the Economic Forum in Krynica

The Krynica Economic Forum will take place on 4-6 September 2019. Attended by thousands of people from all over the world, it is one of the biggest events of its kind in the region. A special UK pavilion at the Forum will host a variety of events, including presentations, panel discussions, and cultural events.

Throughout the Forum, participants of the Forum visiting the UK pavilion will have the chance to see the ["100 years of friendship" photo exhibition](#) on 100 years of renewed diplomatic relations between the UK and Poland, drink coffee by Wild Bean Café by BP, and enjoy VR activities by Sage.

The following events are open to all participants of the Forum:

Tuesday 3 September 2019

19.00 Opening event: "Great British Hits" party with DJ Trent

Wednesday 4 September 2019

12.00 Panel discussion: "Women in leadership: will we ever have an all-women board?"

17.00 Celebrating 100 years of partnership between Poland and the UK

17.30 Report presentation: "Economic relations between Poland and the UK – an exceptional and enduring partnership", by Deloitte

19.00 British film and drinks evening, followed by British hits party with DJ Trent

The pavilion will be located at Pavilion D.

Transparency data: Defra: workforce management information July 2019

Reports on departmental staff numbers and costs.