

EUROPEAN DEFENCE FUND

EDF CALLS FOR PROPOSALS 2022



8 CALLS I €924 million budget

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THE EDF IS IMPLEMENTED THROUGH ANNUAL WORK PROGRAMMES.

The second EDF work programme will be organised around 8 calls addressing 16 categories consisting of 33 topics.

Legend: RESEARCH (R) DEVELOPMENT (D) OTHER SUPPORT AND PREPARATIVE MEASURES

Disclaimer: Budget allocations depend on the adoption of a separate financing decision with reference to 2023 budget appropriations

CATEGORIES		TOPICS	BUDGET	
	Defence medical response, Chemical Biological Radiological Nuclear (CBRN)	 Diagnostics, treatment, transport and monitoring of highly contagious, injured and/or contaminated personnel (R) Framework Partnership Agreement on medical countermeasures 	 €25 M No budget required this year 	
R	Information superiority	 Single European Sky interoperability (R) European command and control (D) Deployable special operations forces multi-environment command post (D) 	 €20 M €30 M €20 M 	
	Sensors	 Covert sensing (R) Advanced radar technologies (R) 	 €25 M €15 M 	
÷,	Cyber	 Adapting Cyber Situational Awareness (R) Cyber and information warfare toolbox (D) Cybersecurity and systems for improved resilience (D) 	 €10 M €33 M €27 M 	
	Space	 Responsive space systems (R) Innovative space ISR capabilities (D) Space-based missile early warning (D) 	 €20 M €40 M €90 M 	
	Digital transformation	 Hidden threats detection (technological challenge, 2 topics) (R) Shared databases for image recognition (R) 	 €25 M €25 M 	
	Materials and components	 Packaging technologies for critical components (R) Smart and multifunctional textiles (D) 	 €25 M €20 M 	

Energy and environment	 Sustainable components for underwater applications (R) 	■ €20 M
Air Combat	Airborne electronic warfare (D)	■ €40 M
Ground combat	Collaborative ground combat (D)	■ €50 M
Force protection and mobility	Medium size tactical cargo (R)	■ €30 M
Naval combat	 Medium size semi-autonomous vessel (D) Naval collaborative surveillance (D) 	■ €65 M ■ €65 M
Underwater warfare	 Underwater manned-unmanned teaming and swarms (R) Underwater observation, detection, acquisition and communications (ODAC) (R) 	 €25 M €30 M
Simulation and Training	Modelling, simulation and simulators integration (D)	■ €30 M
Disruptive technologies for defence applications	 Adaptive camouflage (R) Electromagnetic artillery demonstrator (R) Non-thematic research (R) 	 €15 M €15 M €15 M €10 M
SME Calls	 Non-thematic research focused on SMEs (R) Non-thematic development for SMEs (D) 	 €17.6 M €36.5 M
OTHER ACTIONS	 Coordination and support action for national focal points External expertise, audits, and IT systems Business coaching for SMEs Blending facility for equity funding for SMEs/Mid-Caps 	€25 M (total)

SUPPORT FOR SMES

The 2022 EDF work programme provides funding for business coaching to SMEs participating in projects selected for funding under the dedicated calls for SMEs and disruptive technologies. In addition, to encourage SMEs participation, the EDF foresees various incentives, such as a financial bonus for projects that include cross-border SMEs.

SUPPORT FOR DEFENCE INNOVATION

The 2022 Work Programme includes targeted measures to stimulate defence innovation. Inbuilt measures such as Technological Challenges, calls focused on SMEs & disruptive technologies, and the Defence Equity Facility are all aimed at enhancing EU defence innovation.

The **Defence Fund** will empower the **EU Defence Innovation Scheme** and will make the Fund a key driver for innovation in the EU defence sector.



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