



EUDIS

EU DEFENCE INNOVATION SCHEME

For European Defence Innovators



€2 billion

FOR DEFENCE INNOVATION IN THE EU

Enabled by the European Defence Fund (EDF), the EU Defence Innovation Scheme (EUDIS) offers specifically designed support measures to help European innovative companies bring their ideas to defence end-users.

WHY EUDIS

Innovation is key to strengthen our defence capabilities, to create strategic advantages in the battlefield, reduce strategic dependencies and stay competitive.

If you are a European entrepreneur, start-up, SME or mature innovator, interested in **defence sector**, you can benefit from EUDIS through multiple tracks:

»» Challenge your new idea, **test & accelerate**, **migrate innovation** from civil to defence, improve your **access to finance**, benefit from **SME support**.

HOW TO BENEFIT



INNOVATION COMPETITIONS

Propose your new idea in hackathons or compete in technological challenges.



SPIN-IN CALLS

Migrate your innovation from civil to defence & expand your business portfolio by taking up on results from EU funded civil R&D projects.



SME EMPOWERMENT

Apply for open SME & disruptive technologies calls, receive business coaching & benefit from matchmaking.



INNOVATION ACCELERATION SOLUTIONS

Validate, optimise, and fast-track your innovations with technical mentoring, targeted support for technology prototyping, testing activities, and solution refinement.



ACCESS PRIVATE FINANCE

Improve your access to equity funding through European venture capital & private equity funds, supported by the Defence Equity Facility.



BUSINESS ACCELERATOR

Enhance your understanding of the defence environment and end-user needs while strengthening your business development, market entry, and go-to-market capabilities.

EUDIS ACTIONS

under EDF 2025 work programme

EDF funds and enables access to EUDIS actions worth millions



GRANTS & BUSINESS COACHING for SMEs

- Small 'ticket' open R&D calls for SMEs&RTO (€4-6 M per project)
- Big 'ticket' thematical calls, including:
 - Technological Challenges
 - Calls to spin-in EU-funded civil R&D defence
 - Calls with acceleration services for start-ups



DEFENCE and DEFENCE FOR SPACE HACKATHONS

- Held annually in Spring and Autumn



ACCESS TO FINANCE FOR INVESTORS

- Defence Equity Facility - €175 M equity instrument via the **European Investment Fund** for European private funds: €100 M from EDF budget, expected leverage into €500 M



BUSINESS ACCELERATOR

- 8-months programme & €65,000 seed funding
- First batch: 20 start-up, scale-up companies
- First call: mid-March - end of April 2025



MATCHMAKING

- 3 online and 4 onsite events for founders, investors, corporates and defence end-users
- Rolling applications starting in March 2025

Access EDF calls for proposals page >>>



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