



**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.



#### INNOVATION ACCELERATION SOLUTIONS

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



#### 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.



#### ACCESS PRIVATE FINANCE

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



#### SME EMPOWERMENT

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



#### 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

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