



# MaJoR CASCADE FUNDING OPEN CALL

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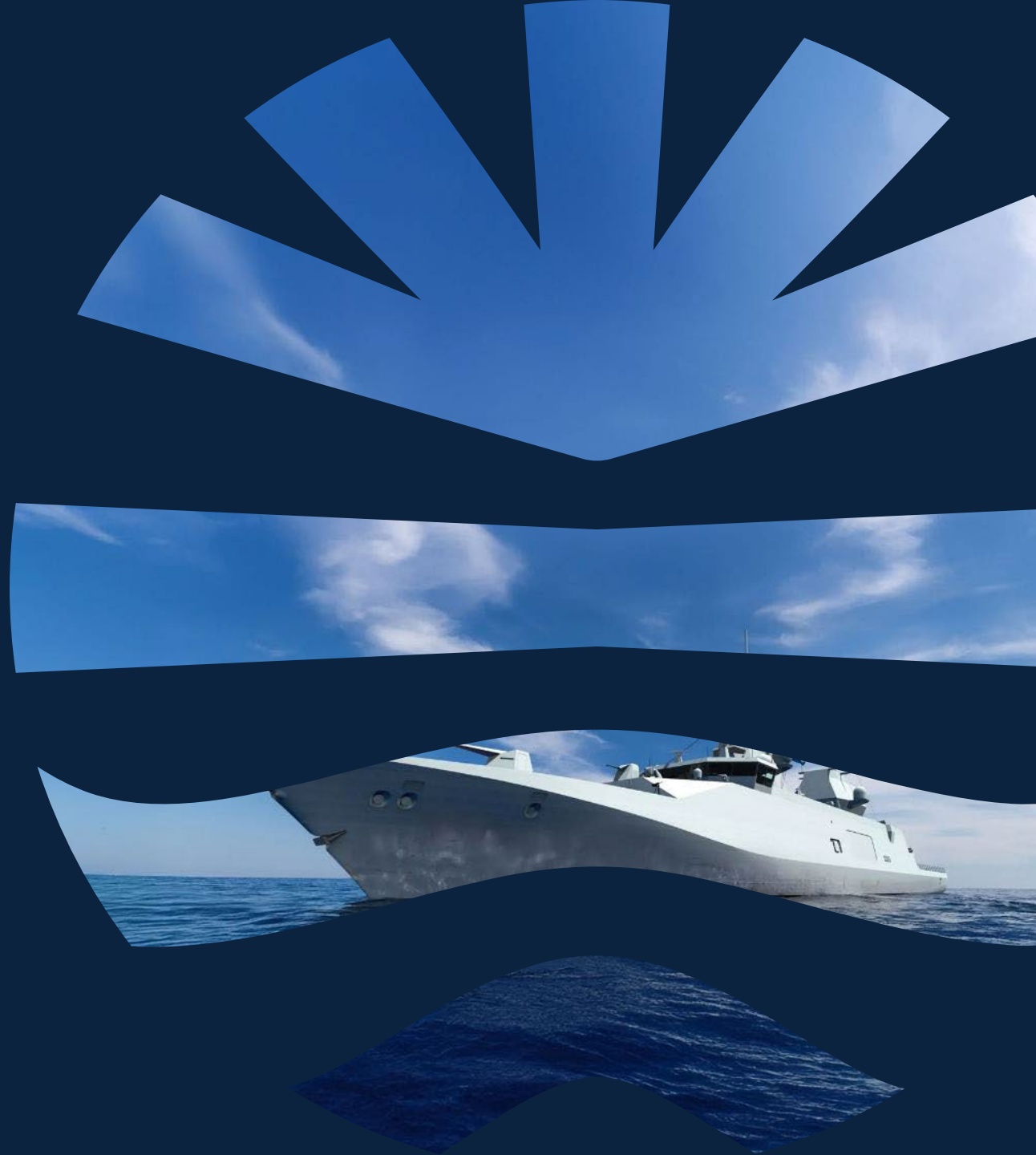


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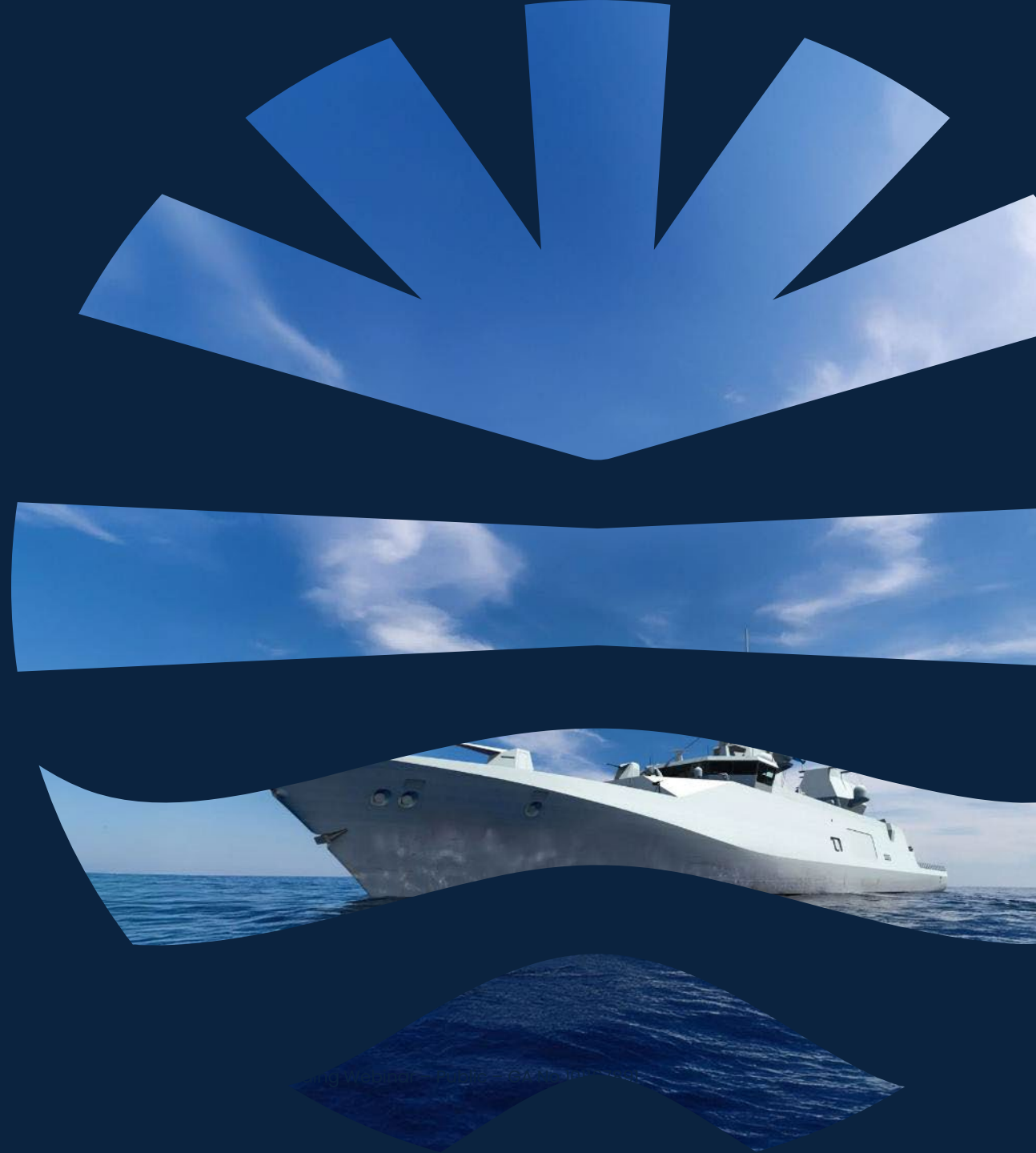
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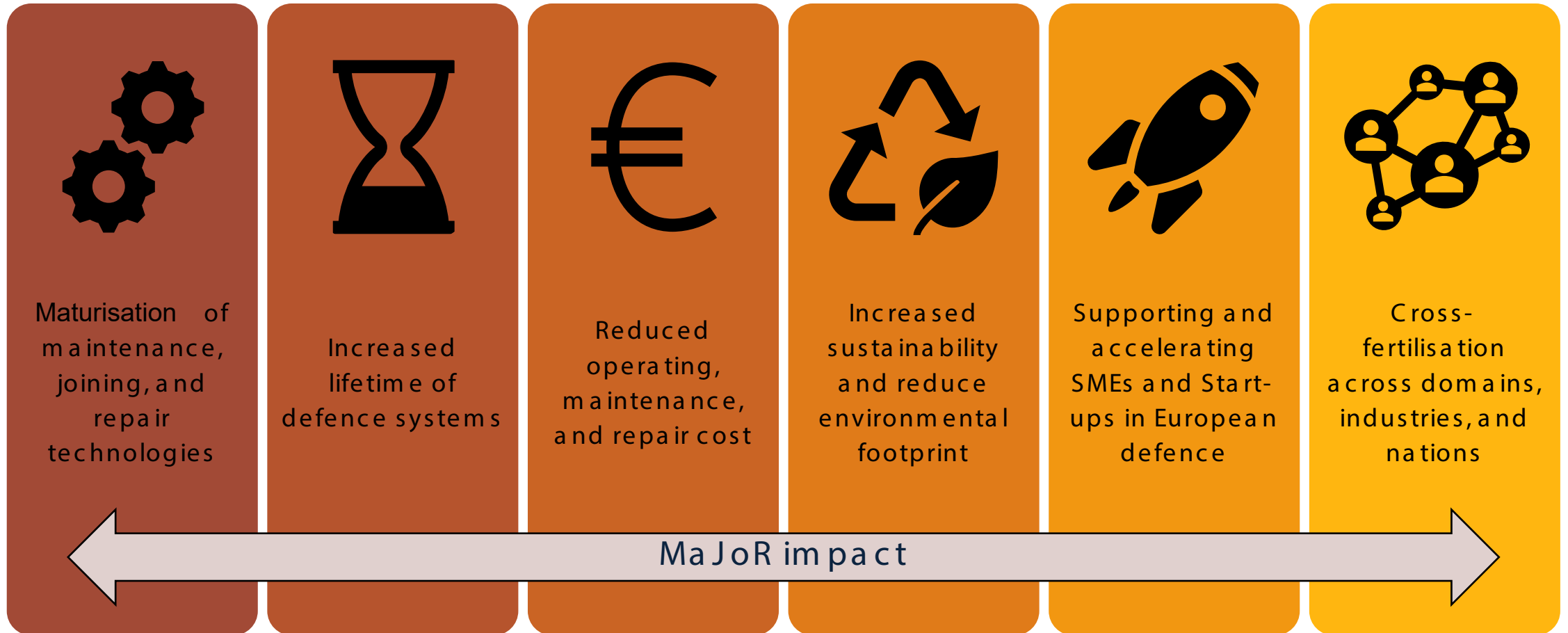
MaJoR project  
Marcel Bos (NLR)



# MaJoR objectives

1. **To reduce the cost, weight, lead time, vehicle signature and increase the space efficiency and vehicle availability** within the air, sea, and land domains . These improvements are demonstrated on three prototype platforms (one for each domain), with variants to accommodate multiple functions and technologies (including outcomes of the Innovation Techwatch ).
2. **To develop enabling technologies from TR13 to TR16 and demonstrate** on each domain platform representing the relevant testing environments .
3. **Establish an innovation Techwatch** that searches for promising related technologies among small to medium enterprises (SMEs) including start-ups (as well as those from the civil market) and provide access to funding and facilities through the Cascade Funding programme .

# MaJoR impact



# Project in a nutshell

Budget : € 46.8mln

EDF grant : €29 999 698

Incl. €3 197 023 for Cascade Funding

Duration : 3.5 years

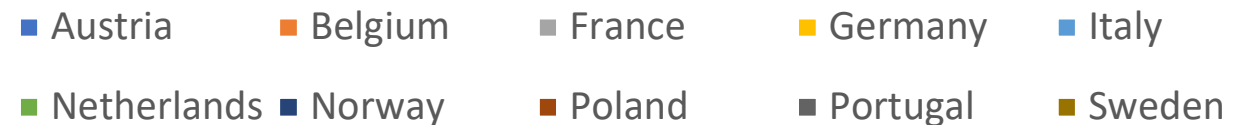
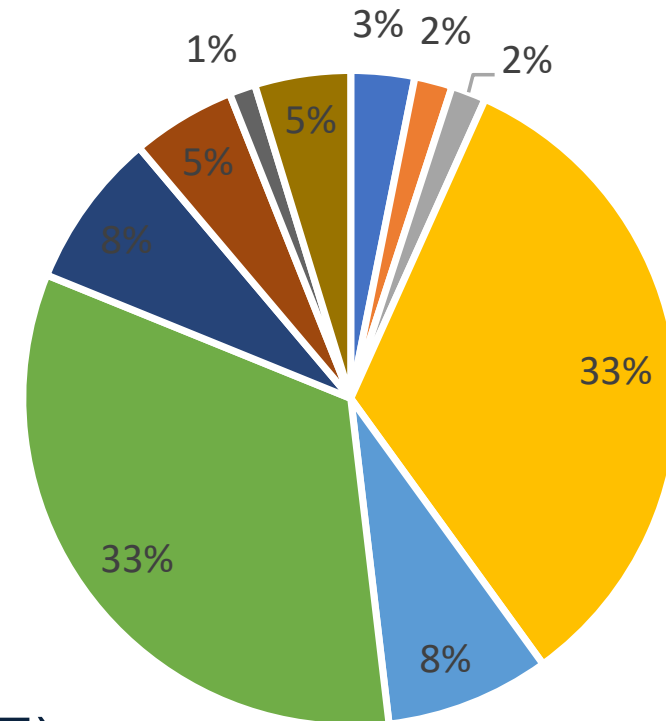
Starting date : September 2025

Website : <https://major-project.eu>

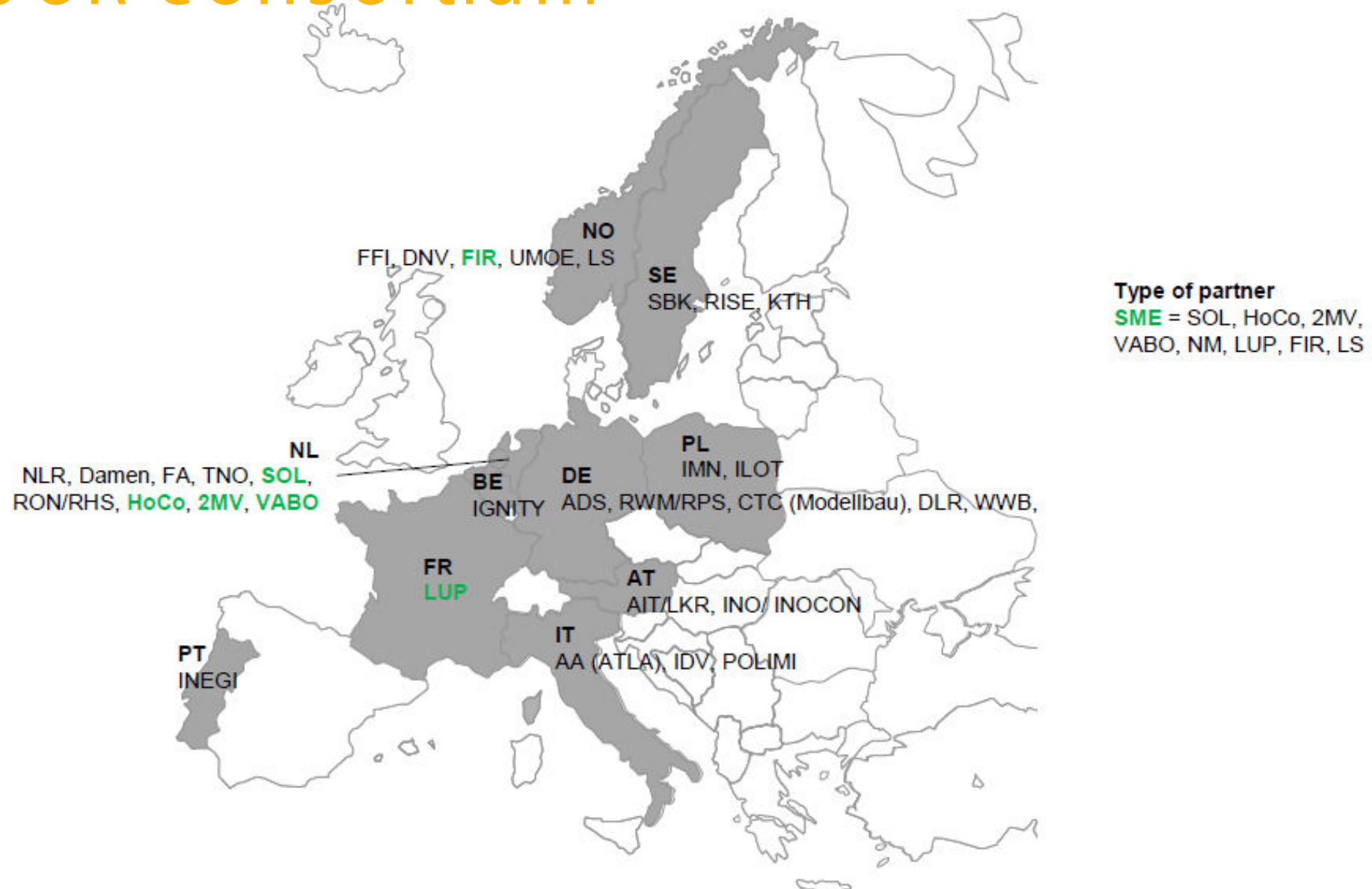
**35 beneficiaries, and 3 affiliates**

**10 nations (AT, BE, FR, DE, IT, NL, NO, PL, PT, SE)**

EC Grant without FSTP



# MaJoR consortium



# Project coordination and domain leads

Project  
Coordinator



Fuselage of a  
UAV



**AIRBUS**



Mast structure  
of a navy ship



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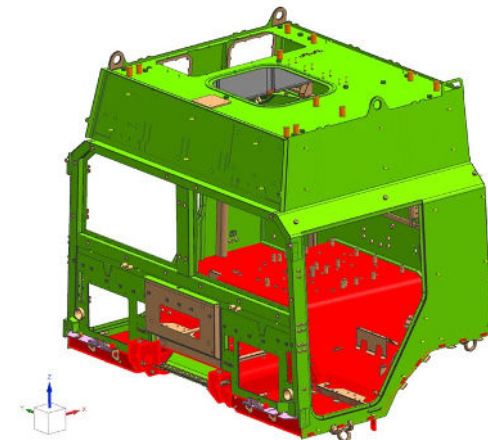
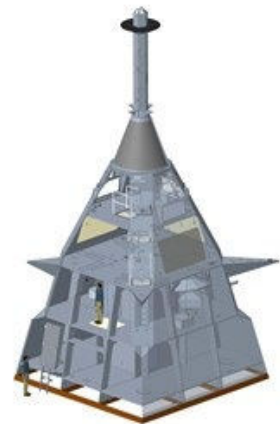
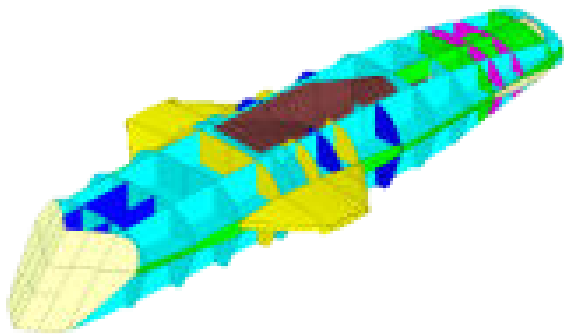


Cabin of a  
logistics  
support vehicle

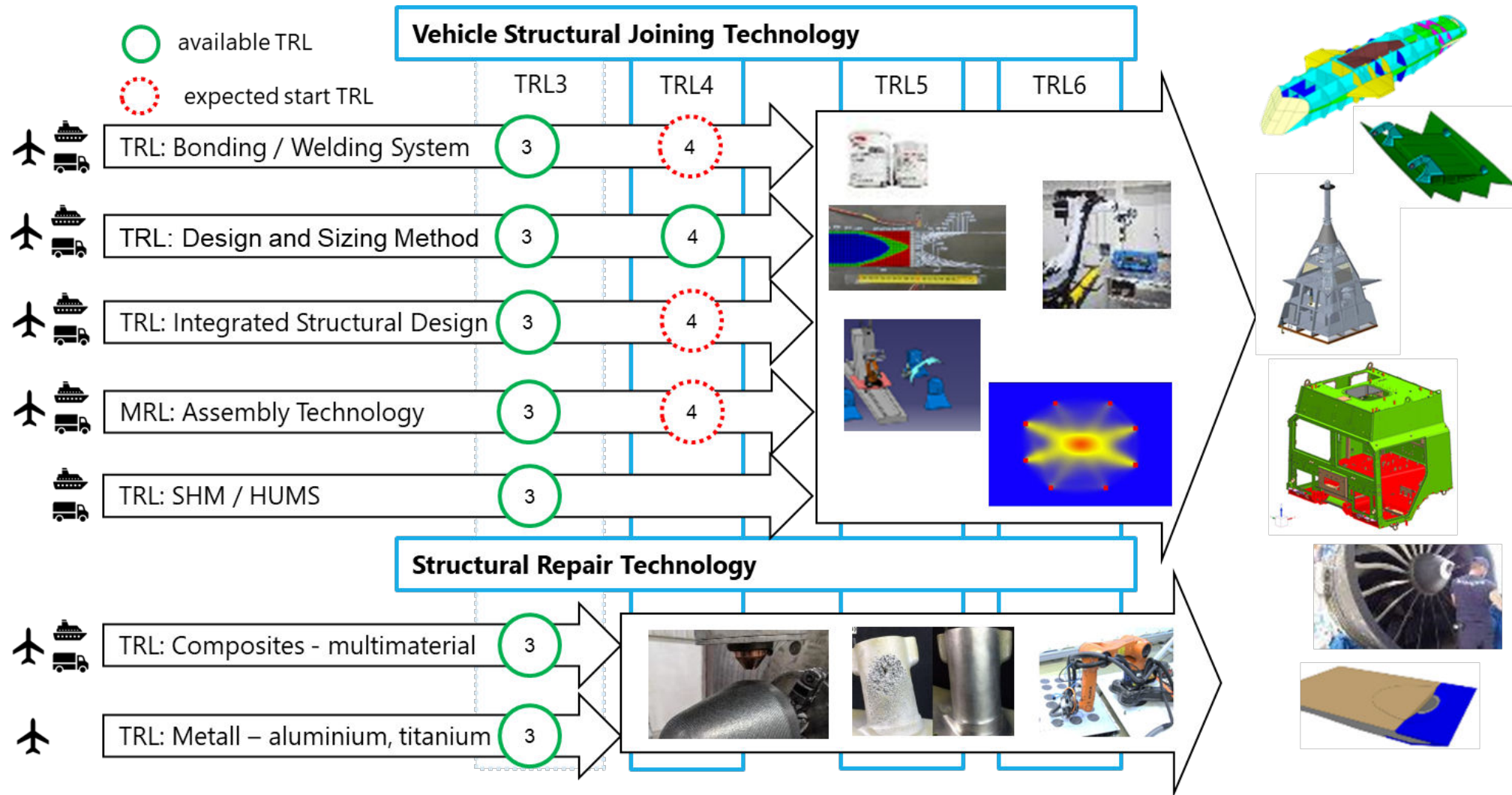


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# The Air, Sea and Land demonstrators



# The technologies targeted for the CASCADE FUNDING open calls



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# MaJoR Cascade Funding

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# About the Cascade Funding open calls (FSTP)

Establish an innovation Techwatch that searches for promising technology among small to medium enterprises (SMEs) including start-ups (as well as those from the civil market) through the Financial Support for Third-Parties (FSTP) program.

## Summary of the Cascade Funding program

- Two open calls for SMEs (including startups) will be organized.
- Maximum of 30 recipients per call -> a total of 60 recipients
- The call is published:
  - As a call in the EU Funding & Tender portal (announcement only)
  - On the MaJoR website (<https://major-project.eu>, for application submission)
- Provide technical mentoring and support to SMEs including startups
- Topics must align with the main MaJoR topics (maintenance, joining and repair)

# About the Cascade Funding open calls (FSTP)

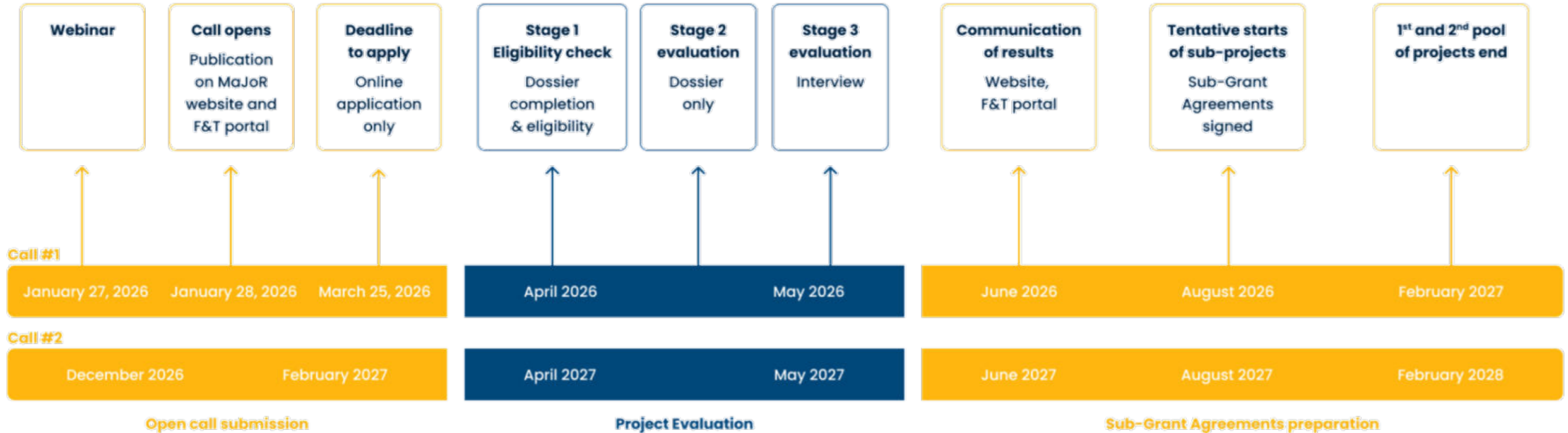
## Summary of the CASCADE FUNDING OPEN CALL main features

- Project duration **6 month maximum**,
- **60 000€ max** per recipient
- **Funding rate 100%**,
- **Lump sum** form of grant ,
- Payment of the grant **upon conditions** (deliverables submission, attendance to training sessions),
- Eligible country: **EU27 + Norway+ Ukraine**,
- Legal status: **SME including startup** according to the EU definition of micro, small and medium enterprise,
- Submit an application in English of maximum 5 pages in pdf



# Timeline

## Open calls #1 and #2



# Cascade Funding open calls schedule

## Open call #1

- **Today's Webinar** on January 27, 2026 from 14h-15h30
- **Opening of the call** on January 28, 2026
- **Deadline** to apply is the March 25, 2026, 12:00:00 (CET)



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Technical topics

Julien Toussaint (IGNITY)





# Five technical topics proposed for Open Call #1

Detailed in the document “Description of the technical topics of open calls 1”

## 1. Hybrid Structures for Defence Platforms

- *Multi-Material Design, Joining & Reversible Interfaces*

## 2. Innovative Joining Technologies & Automated Processes

- *For Multi-Material Defence Structures*

## 3. Structural Health Monitoring, Health and Usage Monitoring Systems & Embedded Sensor Architectures

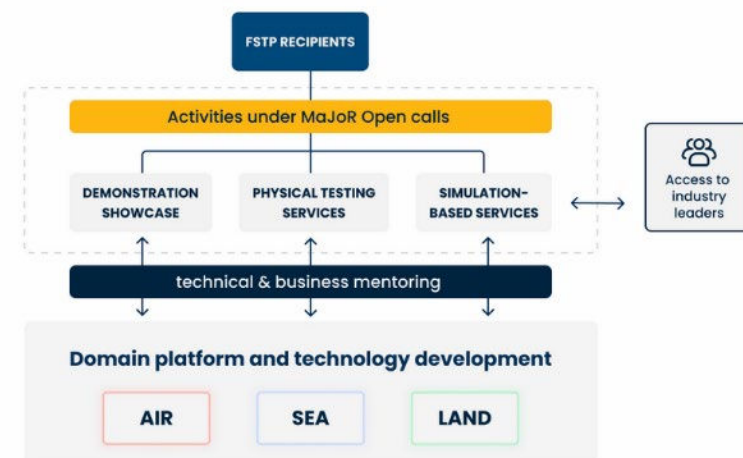
- *For Continuous and Event-Based Structural Health Monitoring*

## 4. Non-Destructive Testing , Maintenance, Repair & Diagnostics

- *For Hybrid and Composite Defence Structures*

## 5. Digitalisation, AI & Decision Support Tools

- *For Structural Assessment and Maintenance*



# Topic 1 – Hybrid Structures for Defence Platforms

## Multi-Material Design, Joining & Reversible Interfaces

### Challenge

Hybrid metal–composite–thermoplastic structures are critical for next-generation air, land and naval platforms, but today face durability, corrosion, repairability and predictability limits under extreme defence conditions ( $-55^{\circ}\text{C}$ , humidity/salt, Electromagnetic Compatibility, shock & blast).

### Objective

Develop robust, predictable and repairable hybrid interfaces enabling weight reduction, mission adaptability and long-term performance across defence platforms.

### Innovation Focus

- Novel multi-material combinations & hybrid joining concepts
- Advanced surface preparation (dust-free, low-waste, field-compatible)
- Corrosion & galvanic mitigation (barriers, smart interlayers, primers)
- Next-gen adhesives & interlayers (room-temperature, rugged curing, UV/electric, bio-based)
- Reversible bonding & design-for-disassembly
- AI-assisted design, simulation & optimization

# Topic 1 – Hybrid Structures for Defence Platforms

## Multi-Material Design, Joining & Reversible Interfaces

### Operational Constraints Addressed

- **Air:** Coefficient of Thermal Expansion mismatch, low-temperature peel failure (down to  $-55^{\circ}\text{C}$ )
- **Sea:** Galvanic corrosion, humidity/salt exposure, Electromagnetic Compatibility & Fire, Smoke and Toxicity compliance
- **Land:** Shock, blast & ballistic resistance with field-repair capability

### Expected Outcomes

- Validated hybrid interface concepts with measurable gains in durability, corrosion resistance and mechanical performance
- Prototypes ready for Unmanned Aerial Vehicle fuselage, composite mast, hybrid vehicle cabin integration
- Contribution to EU strategic autonomy & certifiable hybrid structures

### Illustrative Use Cases

- Naval steel-composite joint
- Low-temperature Unmanned Aerial Vehicle skin bonding
- Impact-resistant hybrid armoured structures



# Topic 2- Innovative Joining Technologies & Automated Processes

## *For Multi-Material Defence Structures*

### **Challenge**

Joining remains one of the most variable, labour-intensive and risk-prone steps in defence manufacturing. Across domains, constraints include fatigue predictability (air), thick bondlines & curing limits (sea), and contamination, shock & vibration (land), limiting production rate, consistency and maintainability.

### **Objective**

Develop automated, ruggedised and contamination-tolerant joining processes for multi-material assemblies, delivering repeatability, real-time quality control and damage-tolerant joints compatible with harsh defence environments.

### **Innovation Focus**

- New or enhanced joining technologies (bonded, hybrid, reinforced interfaces)
- Automated adhesive & sealant application (robotisation, in-field compatible systems)
- Rugged joining solutions for remote, harsh or off-grid operations
- High-fatigue / high-load joints (dynamic, shock & ballistic loads)
- Dust-free & accelerated curing (UV, electrical, fast-curing adhesives)
- Digital twin & AI-driven optimisation (process tuning, defect detection, Quality Assurance)
- Local reinforcements & inserts for hybrid structures



# Topic 2- Innovative Joining Technologies & Automated Processes

## *For Multi-Material Defence Structures*

### **Operational Constraints Addressed**

- **Air:** fatigue-predictable joints, automated Quality Assurance
- **Sea:** thick bondlines, low curing temperatures, Electromagnetic Compatibility constraints
- **Land:** dirt, contamination, vibration, shock & field repair

### **Expected Outcomes**

- Validated joining demonstrators or automated process modules
- Integrated monitoring & quality-assurance tools
- Reduced cycle times, increased repeatability and improved structural performance
- Direct applicability to manufacturing demonstrators

### **Illustrative Use Cases**

- Automated bonding of naval composite structures
- AI-assisted bonding quality assurance for Unmanned Aerial Vehicles
- Rugged bonding for land vehicle armour module



# Topic 3- Structure Health Monitoring (SHM), Health and Usage Monitoring Systems (HUMS) & Embedded Sensor Architectures

## *For Continuous and Event-Based Structural Health Monitoring*

### **Challenge**

Manual inspection of defence structures is costly, risky and often impractical. Across air, land and sea domains, early detection of delamination, corrosion, moisture ingress, impact, blast or ballistic damage is critical, under electro-magnetic interference, humidity, shock, vibration and limited power/bandwidth constraints.

### **Objective**

Develop robust, embedded or surface-mounted sensing architectures enabling continuous or event-based structural health assessment, reducing inspection burden and supporting evidence-based maintenance in demonstrators.

### **Innovation Focus**

- Advanced sensor networks (strain, acoustic, ultrasonic, fibre-optic, piezo)
- Corrosion & moisture sensing, electro-magnetic interference/Electromagnetic Compatibility sensing layers
- Integrated Structural Health Monitoring/Health & Usage Monitoring System for composite and metallic joints
- Signature, anomaly & event detection (impact, blast, ballistic)
- Local data processing & edge analytics (low power, low bandwidth)
- Integration with Non-Destructive Testing data and maintenance systems



# Topic 3- Structure Health Monitoring, Health and Usage Monitoring Systems & Embedded Sensor Architectures

## For Continuous and Event-Based Structural Health Monitoring

### Operational Constraints Addressed

- Electro-magnetic interference/Electromagnetic Compatibility exposure, humidity, salt, shock & vibration
- Limited power, bandwidth and field-operability
- Harsh environments across air, land and naval platforms

### Expected Outcomes

- Validated Structural Health Monitoring/Health & Usage Monitoring System sensor architectures or prototypes
- Earlier and more reliable damage detection
- Reduced inspection workload and improved maintenance decisions

### Illustrative Use Cases

- Moisture and corrosion monitoring in naval structures
- Impact or blast detection in armoured vehicles
- Bondline and damage monitoring in aerospace composites



# Topic 4 – Non-Destructive Testing, Maintenance, Repair & Diagnostics

## For Hybrid and Composite Defence Structures

### Challenge

Maintenance and repair of hybrid and composite defence structures are slow, contamination-sensitive and difficult to re-qualify, especially under field conditions. Across domains, operators face uncertainty on bond integrity, fatigue performance and post-repair certification in humid, saline, dusty, shock- and vibration-prone environments.

### Objective

Enable robust, fast and field-compatible Non-Destructive Testing, repair and diagnostic solutions that reduce downtime, improve repair repeatability and support safe re-qualification of hybrid structures for MAJOR demonstrators.

### Innovation Focus

- Diagnostic & decision-support tools for repair and re-qualification
- Portable Non-Destructive Testing for bondline inspection and contamination detection, Local and portable curing methods (blankets, UV, induction)
- Fast repair patches, modular tooling and semi-automated scarfing
- Combat-field repair solutions for degraded environments 3D-printed repair patches and inserts
- Remote maintenance assistance and digital support
- Post-repair re-qualification & feedback loops for Repair, Maintenance & Overhaul Quality Assurance
- Obsolescence management for long-life platforms



# Topic 4 – Non-Destructive Testing, Maintenance, Repair & Diagnostics

## For Hybrid and Composite Defence Structures

### Operational Constraints Addressed

- **Air:** bond strength assessment, contamination control, fatigue re-qualification
- **Sea:** humidity, salt exposure, limited onboard space and curing constraints
- **Land:** shock, vibration, dust and contamination in field repairs

### Expected Outcomes

- Validated repair kits, portable Non-Destructive Testing tools or diagnostic procedures
- Reduced repair time and improved repair reliability
- Increased confidence in post-repair structural performance
- Direct applicability to MaJoR demonstrator components

### Illustrative Use Cases

- Field repair of armoured vehicle panels
- Rapid bondline inspection of Unmanned Aerial Vehicle structures
- Onboard repair of naval composite masts

# Topic 5 – Digitalisation, AI & Decision Support Tools

## For Structural Assessment and Maintenance

### Challenge

Defence platforms generate large volumes of structural and operational data but lack integrated, predictive and decision-oriented tools. Across domains, operators struggle to translate fatigue, corrosion, impact or mission data into actionable maintenance and repair decisions.

### Objective

Develop AI-enabled digital twins and decision-support systems that assess damage severity, anticipate degradation and guide repair vs. replace strategies for MaJoR demonstrators.

### Innovation Focus

- Digital twins for hybrid and composite structures
- Multi-physics simulations (fatigue, impact, corrosion, thermal behaviour)
- Damage and defect propagation modelling
- Decision-support tools for repair scenario selection AI-based predictive maintenance and diagnostics
- Secure data exchange & cybersecurity for distributed environments

# Topic 5 – Digitalisation, AI & Decision Support Tools For Structural Assessment and Maintenance

## Operational Constraints Addressed

- **Air:** fatigue zoning, defect propagation and life prediction
- **Sea:** moisture, corrosion and thermal degradation modelling
- **Land:** shock, impact and mission-driven damage accumulation

## Expected Outcomes

- Validated digital twin or AI-based diagnostic tools
- Improved prediction accuracy and decision-making efficiency
- Reduced maintenance time and lifecycle costs

## Illustrative Use Cases

- Remaining life prediction of Unmanned Aerial Vehicle skin panels
- Corrosion forecasting in naval composite masts
- Maintenance decision support after shock events in armoured vehicles



# Program expectation

## 5 onsite bootcamps

- **Bootcamp 1** : On accelerator site – IGNITY – Belgium
- **Bootcamp 2** : Land domain focus – Rheinmetall
- **Bootcamp 3** : Naval domain focus – Damen
- **Bootcamp 4** : Air domain focus – Airbus
- Final **Demonstration day**

## Tailored, intensive technical and business mentoring

- Experts from defence industry and academia within the consortium
- Experienced founders from defence start-ups and scale-ups
- Access to an international innovation and industrial network

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## Eligibility, submission and evaluation process

Mathieu Lions (LUP)

# Eligibility criteria

The eligibility criteria for the CASCADE FUNDING OPEN CALL applicants, and activities are strictly following those of the EDF call beneficiaries. In order to be eligible, the applicants must:

1. be a legal entity (private body being a SME including startups),
2. be established in one of the eligible countries,
3. comply with ownership control restrictions ,
4. comply with ethics requirements,
5. comply with security requirements,
6. comply with operational capacity requirements,
7. comply with financial capacity requirements,
8. comply with the specificity of the call,
9. not have any of conflict of interest with the MaJoR consortium partners.

# Eligibility criteria

## 1 – Be a legal entity (private body being a SME)

To be eligible to the MaJoR call, the recipient has to be a SME, including startups, at the signature of the Sub-Grant Agreement (based on EC eligible criteria). SMEs are defined by the staff headcount and either turnover or balance sheet total.

| Category      | Micro | Small   | Medium - sized |
|---------------|-------|---------|----------------|
| Staff         | < 10  | < 50    | < 250          |
| Turnover      | ≤ 2M€ | ≤ 10 M€ | ≤ 50 M€        |
| Or            |       |         |                |
| Balance sheet | ≤ 2M€ | ≤ 2M€   | ≤ 43 M€        |

You can **use the SME self-assessment tool to help determine whether** your organisation qualifies as a small and medium- sized enterprise. The tool will lead you step by step through the data to be provided, either for your individual entity or your group – in case you are part of one.

For the purpose of this call, **startups are SME of maximum 5-years of existence** at the closure of the call.

- <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/sme/public/organisation-name>

- <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/support/sme?tab=overview>



# Eligibility criteria

2- Be established in one of the eligible countries

**Eligible countries: EU Member States (27):** Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, **Norway and Ukraine.**

- <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding> - tenders/opportunities/docs/2021 - 2027/edf/wp - call/2023/call - fiche\_edf - 2023-da\_en.pdf
- EDF Work Programme, Art 6: [c2784284 - edfc - 49c8 - 894e - ec173679d8c6\\_en](#)



# Eligibility criteria

## 3- Ownership control restrictions

All open call projects under the EDF Programme are subject to ownership control restrictions, **meaning** that they exclude the participation of legal entities which are established in the EU territory or in an EDF associated country, **but are controlled** by a non-associated third country or non-associated third country legal entity.

**The applicant has to complete the Ownership Control Declaration part of the declaration of honour (DoH). This questionnaire will be assessed during the eligibility check.**

## 4- Ethics requirements

- All open call projects must comply with:
  - highest ethical standards (including highest standards of research integrity) and
  - applicable EU, international and national law, including the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights and the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms and its Supplementary Protocols
- The applicant **will perform the ethics self-assessment as part of the application** (see proposal template). Ultimately, the recipient will adhere to MaJoR Ethics chart through the Sub-Grant Agreement.

# Eligibility criteria

## 5- Security requirements

The proposed project will need to be kept at a **security level corresponding to sensitive level** (unclassified, none releasable to the public level).

The applicant will **perform the security self-assessment as part of the application** (see proposal template). Ultimately, the recipient will adhere to MAJOR security requirement through the Sub-Grant Agreement.



# Eligibility criteria

## 6- Operational capacity requirements

Applicants must have the know-how, qualifications and resources to successfully implement the projects and contribute their share (including sufficient experience in projects of comparable size and nature).

This capacity will be assessed together with the 'Implementation' award criterion, on the basis of the competence and experience of the applicant and their project teams, including operational resources (human, technical and other) or, exceptionally, the measures proposed to obtain it by the time the task implementation starts.

This operational capacity will **be assessed together with the 'Implementation' award criterion** during the application evaluation phase.



# Eligibility criteria

## 7- Financial capacity requirements

Applicants **must have stable and sufficient resources to successfully implement the projects and contribute their share.**

The financial capacity check (FCC) will have to be carried out by the applicant before submission. **Applicants with a score lower than “satisfactory” will not be considered for cascade funding prefinancing.**

The applicant shall perform the FCC before the submission. To guide you, **please carry on your FCC using the tool provided by the EC** . The FCC will be assessed by the MaJoR consortium during the Sub-Grant Agreement preparation.

The applicant **will provide the necessary elements during the Sub-Grant Agreement preparation** to the MaJoR consortium (e.g. profit and loss account and balance sheet, business plan, audit report produced by an approved external auditor, certifying the accounts for the last closed financial year, etc.).

<https://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/lfv/lfvSimulation.do>

# Eligibility criteria

## 8- Specificity of the call

- The following actions and activities are not considered as eligible for funding under this call:
  - projects that concern products and technologies whose use, development or production is **prohibited by international law**,
  - projects that concern the development of **lethal autonomous weapons without the possibility for meaningful human control over selection and engagement decisions** when carrying out strikes against humans (with the exception of the development of early warning systems and countermeasures for defensive purposes),
  - project as a **whole or any parts of it that have benefitted from any other EU grant** (including EU funding managed by authorities in EU Member States or other funding bodies, e.g. EU Regional Funds, EU Agricultural Funds, etc.).

## 9- No conflict of interest with the MAJOR consortium partners.

The 'conflict of interests' means any **situation where the impartial and objective performance of the work is compromised for reasons involving economic interest, political or national affinity, family or emotional ties or any other shared interest.**

The recipients will therefore inform the responsible staff about any conflict of interests arising in the course of the work (including proposals competing with a proposal where they may have a conflict of interest) and comply with the measures decided by them.

**The applicant will have to sign the declaration of honour (DoH) in that sense .**



# Submission process

## MaJoR Submission Portal

### Ground rules

- All applicants (organization) should provide their **Participant Identification Code (PIC)**, which is a 9-digit number that serves as a unique identifier for legal entities participating in European funding programmes.
- Applicants (organisations) can submit up to 1 application per topic. Multiple submissions to the same topic are not allowed. If more than one application is submitted to the same topic, only the most recent one will be evaluated



<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding>

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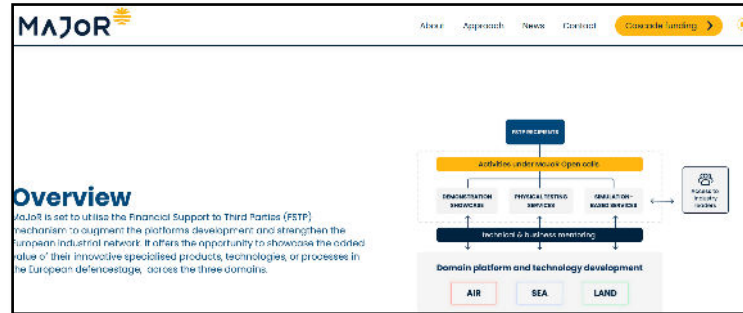
- to - participate/participant

- register



# Submission process

## MaJoR Submission Portal



Downloaded from the website

5 documents to download

2 documents to submit



Proposal Template



Cascade Funding conditions



Technical topics



Declaration of Honour



Model Sub-Grant Agreement (SGA)

The applications will have to follow the submission process and should be executed exclusively through the MaJoR Submission Portal:

<https://major-project.eu/submission-portal/>



# Submission process

## MaJoR Submission Portal

Mandatory document



*Proposal  
Template*

1. Administrative and legal information,
2. General Instructions on the Template (please remove this section before submitting)
3. Project (maximum 5 pages)
4. Budget
5. Ethics self - assessment
6. Security self - assessment

Your proposal **must be written in English** in all mandatory parts to be eligible .

The proposal submitted shall not exceed **5 pages** (+ administrative part, budget, ethics and security ) or it will be rejected . Only the proposal included in the Proposal Template will be reviewed by Evaluators . The proposal can only be proposed in **PDF format of maximum 8MB**.

**Your proposal must be completed and uploaded on the MaJoR Submission Portal before the call deadline .**

# Proposal template

## Evaluation criteria



### Focus on the selection criteria

#### 1. Excellence and potential of disruption (5 points, weight: 2)

- Concept & approach.
- Objectives & scope.
- Innovation.
- Strategic/operational advantage.
- Disruptive potential.

#### 2. Innovation and technological development

(5 points, weight: 2)

- Innovation potential.
- Technological improvements.
- Use of existing knowledge.
- Cross-domain potential.

#### 3. Competitiveness (5 points, weight: 1)

- Competitive advantage.
- Market potential.
- Adoption pathway.
- IP strategy.

#### 4. EDTIB (EU's Defence Technological and Industrial Base) autonomy (5 points, weight: 1)

- EU non-dependency.
- Security of supply.
- Alignment with European defence needs.
- Multi-state or cross-domain relevance.

#### 5. Implementation (5 points, weight: 1)

- Your initial work plan.
- Expected milestones & deliverables.
- List of mandatory deliverables
- Organisation, risk management & industry alignment.
- Team capability.
- Technological Risks
- Activity type & indicative budget.



# Submission process

## MaJoR Submission Portal

Mandatory document



Declaration of Honour (DoH)

### DECLARATION OF HONOUR (DoH) FOR RECIPIENTS OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO THIRD PARTIES

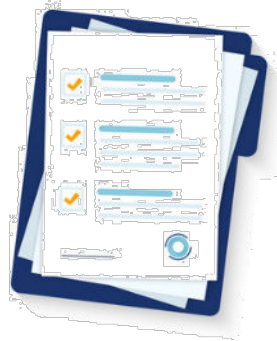
Elements to be confirmed. Among them, the DECLARATION OF OWNERSHIP AND CONTROL

**DoH must be completed and signed for the submission. It shall be uploaded on the MaJoR Submission Portal as a pdf.**



# Submission process

## MaJoR Submission Portal



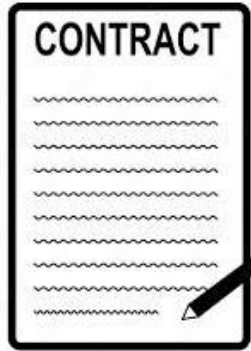
Cascade  
Funding  
conditions

**All you need to know about the MaJoR Cascade funding scheme is there. Please read carefully the document before submitting your proposal.**



# Submission process

## MaJoR Submission Portal



Model Sub - Grant Agreement (SGA)

Model of contract that will be signed between the Recipient and the Coordinator (NLR).

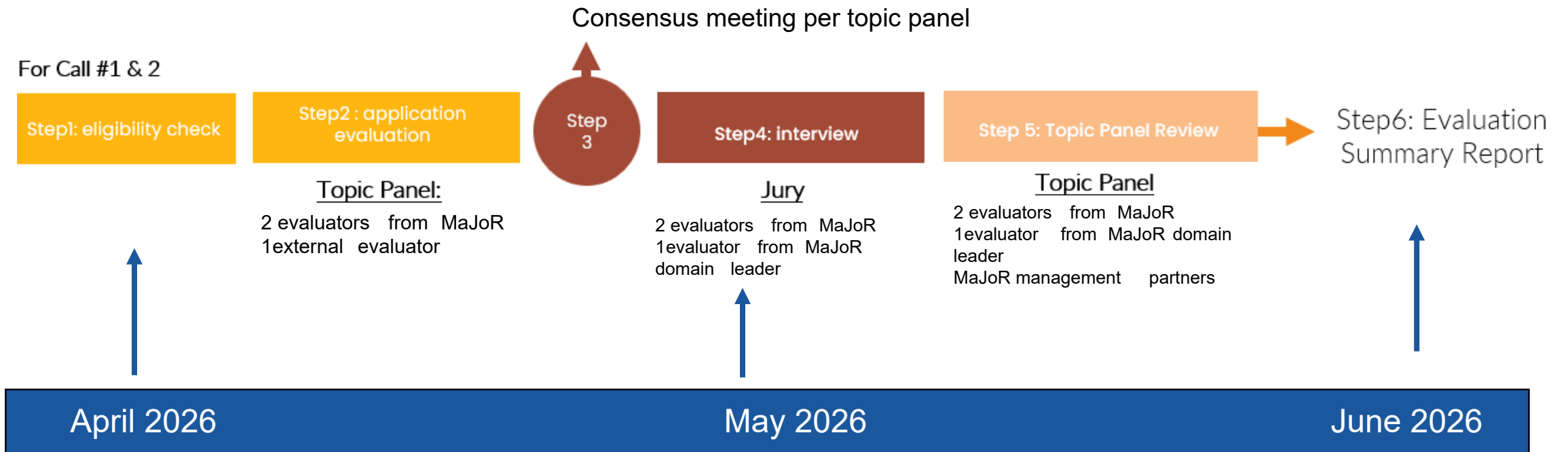
The proposal will form the technical annex of this SGA.

**This model SGA must be read prior to the submission . It will be applicable to all successful application without any negotiation on the terms .**

# Evaluation process

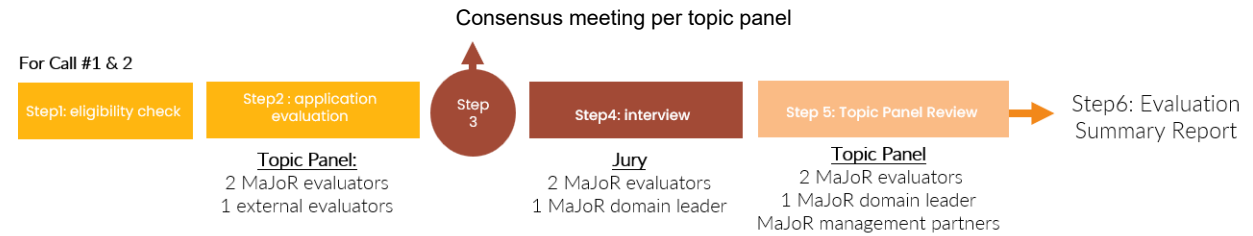
## Focus on the selection process

- Proposal will be evaluated per topic panels
- **Between 4 to 8 applications will be selected for funding per topic.**





# Evaluation process



## Step1: eligibility check

Your application will be assessed according to the eligibility criteria. If an application **did not meet all eligibility criteria, it will be rejected.**

## Step 2: application evaluation

Each proposal will be evaluated within its topic panel. The panel is composed of **2 evaluators from MaJoR and 1 external evaluator** from the pool of external experts.

## Step 3: Consensus meeting

The evaluators will discuss per panel and align on final scores and comments, resulting in a Consensus Report.

## Step 4: Interview (or Jury Day)

**A 30min online interview**, where a Jury will assess the motivation of applicants, company vision, management capabilities, and quality of answers to questions (shortcomings from step 2-3). **The Jury is limited to the MaJoR members.**

## Step 5: Topic Panel Review

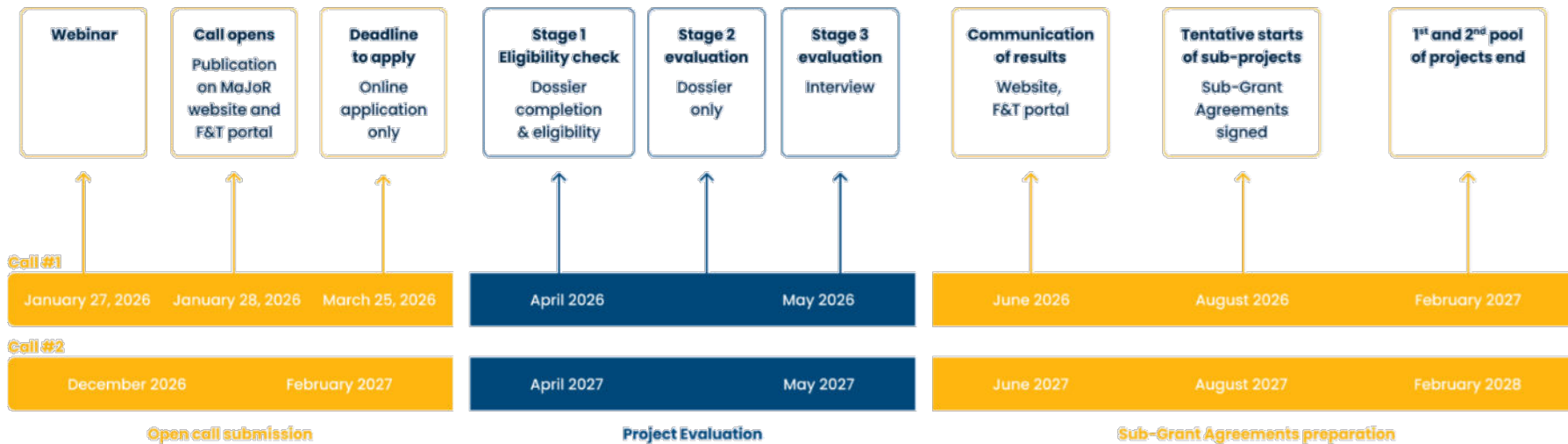
The topic panel composed of MaJoR partners reviews the ranked applications, resolves ties, and validates the final list. Among them, the MaJoR domain leaders that represent the end-application (Sea, Air, Land) will be part of the topic panel review.



# Conclusion

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Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ): A FAQ will be published on the project website and will close 2 weeks before each deadline.



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