



EUROPEAN DEFENCE FUND

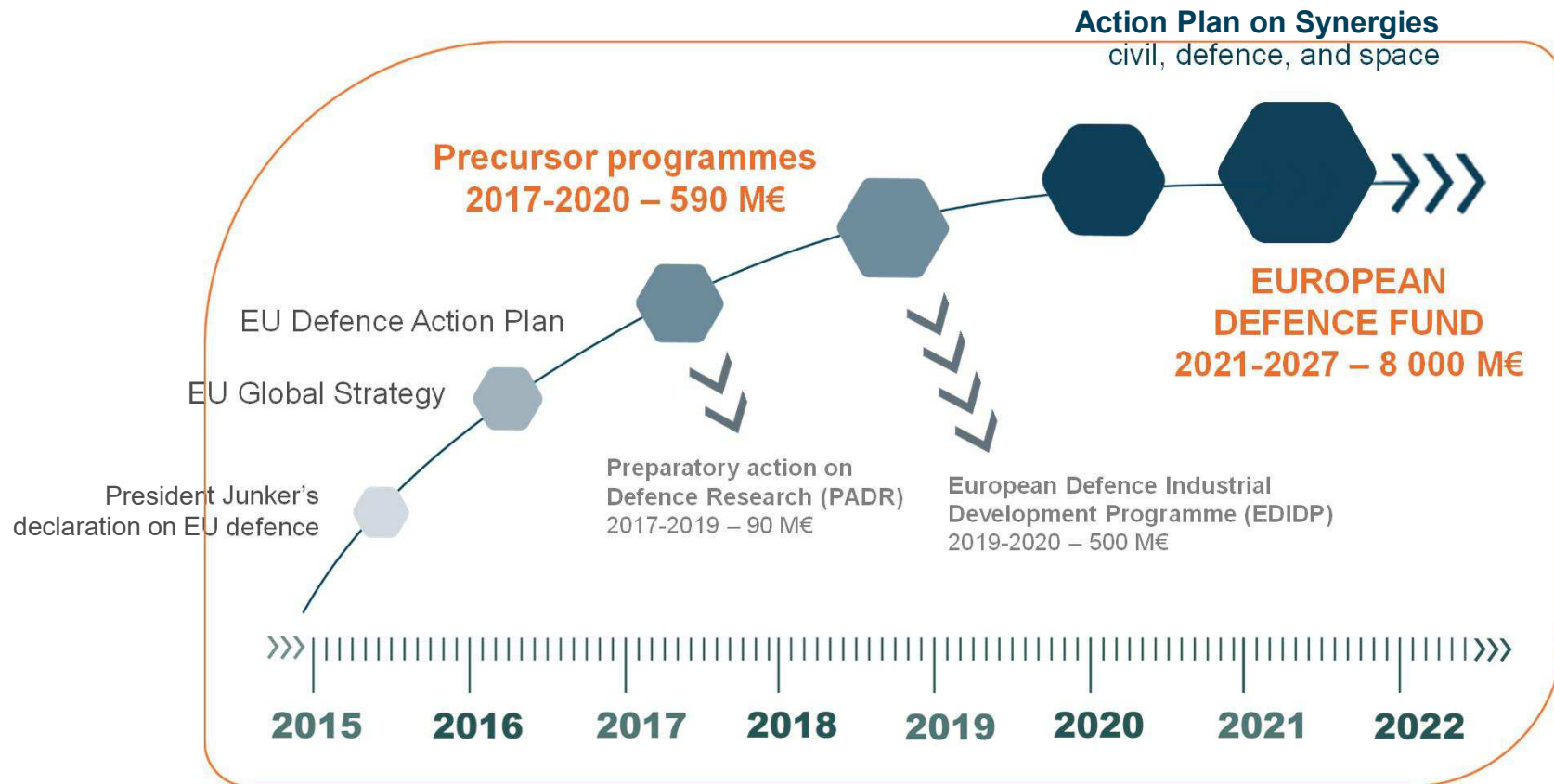
Opportunities offered by the European Defence Fund: focus on cyber defence and digital transformation

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European Policy on Cyber Defence (EPCD)

- EU cyber defence to protect, detect, deter and defence against cyberattacks.
- **Act** together for a stronger cyber defence
 - Strengthen common situational awareness and coordination within defence community
 - Enhance coordination with civilian communities
- **Secure** the EU defence eco-system
 - Enhance the cyber resilience of the defence ecosystem
 - Ensure EU cyber defence interoperability and coherence of standards
- **Invest** in cyber defence capabilities
 - Develop full-spectrum state-of-the-art cyber defence capabilities
 - Agile, competitive and innovative European defence industry
 - EU cyber defence workforce
- **Partner** to address common challenges
 - Cooperation with NATO and like-minded partners
 - Cyber defence capacity building support for partner countries

Ramping-up the EU's ambition for a more collaborative approach to defence capabilities building



DEFENCE CROSS-BORDER R&D

Strategic compass
spend more and better in
Defence, strategic enablers,
capabilities and innovation

Defence Package
joint procurement, critical
technologies, defence
innovation scheme...

Versailles declaration

European Defence Fund : The EU defence R&D programme

Support **collaborative and cross-border** research and development projects, including **disruptive technologies**

Contribute to the **competitiveness and innovation capacity** of the EDTIB

Encourage the **participation of SMEs and other actors** not usually active in the defence field

Help **reducing fragmentation** of the European defence and industrial landscape

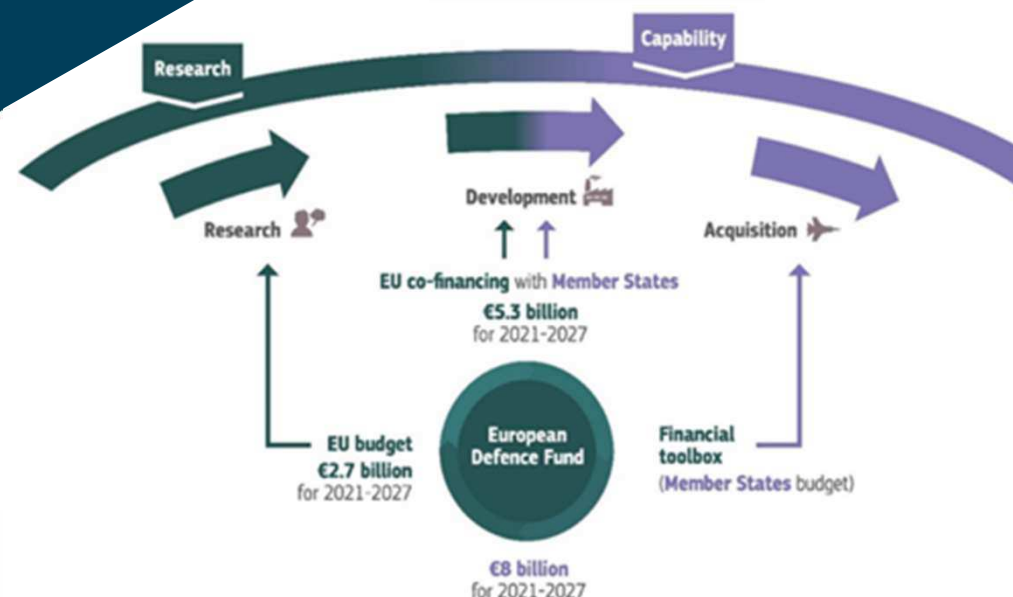
Build partnerships between defence actors, on both demand and supply sides

Help **maximising the outcome** of defence spending

Lead to **close defence technological gaps**

Strengthen other **security and defence initiatives**

Strengthen **Europe's resilience and strategic autonomy**



- **EDF financial support mainly in the form of grants**
- **Open to EU Member States and Norway**
- **Security-based participation conditions for entities controlled by third-countries**

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Eligibility conditions

Consortia: at least 3 eligible entities from 3 different MS/Norway (2 for disruptive call)

Recipients & main subcontractors + Infrastructure, facilities, assets and resources for the action located in EU or Norway

Entities established in 3rd countries can be associated if security-specific conditions are met, but no EDF financial support

Recipients and main subcontractors not subject to control by 3rd country/entity

Derogation possible if approved security-specific guarantees can be provided

No restrictions nor control by 3rd country/entity on results

Compliance with international law and high ethics standards

+ specific to development actions

Co-financing where needed

Harmonised defence capability requirements jointly agreed by at least 2 MS/NO for design

Intention to procure & common technical specifications for system prototyping+ activities

EDF CATEGORIES OF ACTIONS

Addressed by annual work programmes
& calls for proposals



Medical response, CBRN & human factors



Information superiority



Sensors



Cyber



Space



Digital transformation



Energy resilience & environmental transition



Materials and components



Air combat



Air and Missile defence



Ground combat



Force protection and mobility



Naval combat



Underwater warfare



Simulation and training



**Horizontal
categories**



Disruptive technologies



**Innovative defence technologies
(SMEs)**

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EDF Work Programme 2022


















EUR 924 million

8 calls for proposals

33 topics

Opening of the calls: 21 June 2022

Deadline for submission: 24 November 2022

	Medical Response & CBRN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diagnostics, treatment, transport and monitoring of highly contagious, injured and/or contaminated personnel FPA on medical countermeasures 	25 M€ n.a.
	Information superiority	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SES interoperability European command and control Special operations command post 	20 M€ 30 M€ 20 M€
	Sensors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Covert sensing Advanced radar technologies 	25 M€ 15 M€
	Cyber	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adapting Cyber Situational Awareness Cyber and information warfare toolbox Cybersecurity and systems for improved resilience 	10 M€ 33 M€ 27 M€
	Space	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Responsive space system Innovative space ISR capabilities Space-based missile early warning 	20 M€ 40 M€ 90 M€
	Digital transformation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hidden threats detection (challenge, 2 topics) Shared databases for image recognition 	25 M€ 25 M€
	Energy & Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sustainable components for underwater applications 	20 M€
	Materials & Components	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Packaging technologies for critical components Smart and multifunctional textiles 	25 M€ 20 M€
	Air combat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Airborne electronic warfare 	40 M€
	Ground combat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collaborative ground combat 	50 M€
	Protection & Mobility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medium size tactical cargo 	30 M€
	Naval combat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medium size semi-autonomous vessel Naval collaborative surveillance 	65 M€ 65 M€
	Underwater warfare	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Underwater manned-unmanned teaming and swarms Underwater ODAC 	25 M€ 30 M€
	Simulation and training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Modelling, simulation and simulators integration 	30 M€
	Disruptive technologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adaptive camouflage Electromagnetic artillery demonstrator Non-thematic research 	15 M€ 15 M€ 10 M€
	SMEs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Non-thematic research for SMEs and ROs Non-thematic development for SMEs 	17.6 M€ 36.5 M€
	Others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CSA for national focal points External expertise, audits and IT systems Business coaching for SMEs Blending facility for equity funding for SMEs/Mid-Caps 	1,5 M€ 3 M€ 20 M€

Legend: Research Development

Support so far for cyber:

From pre-cursor programmes, **62 projects** funded, with more than **6 cyber defence projects**.

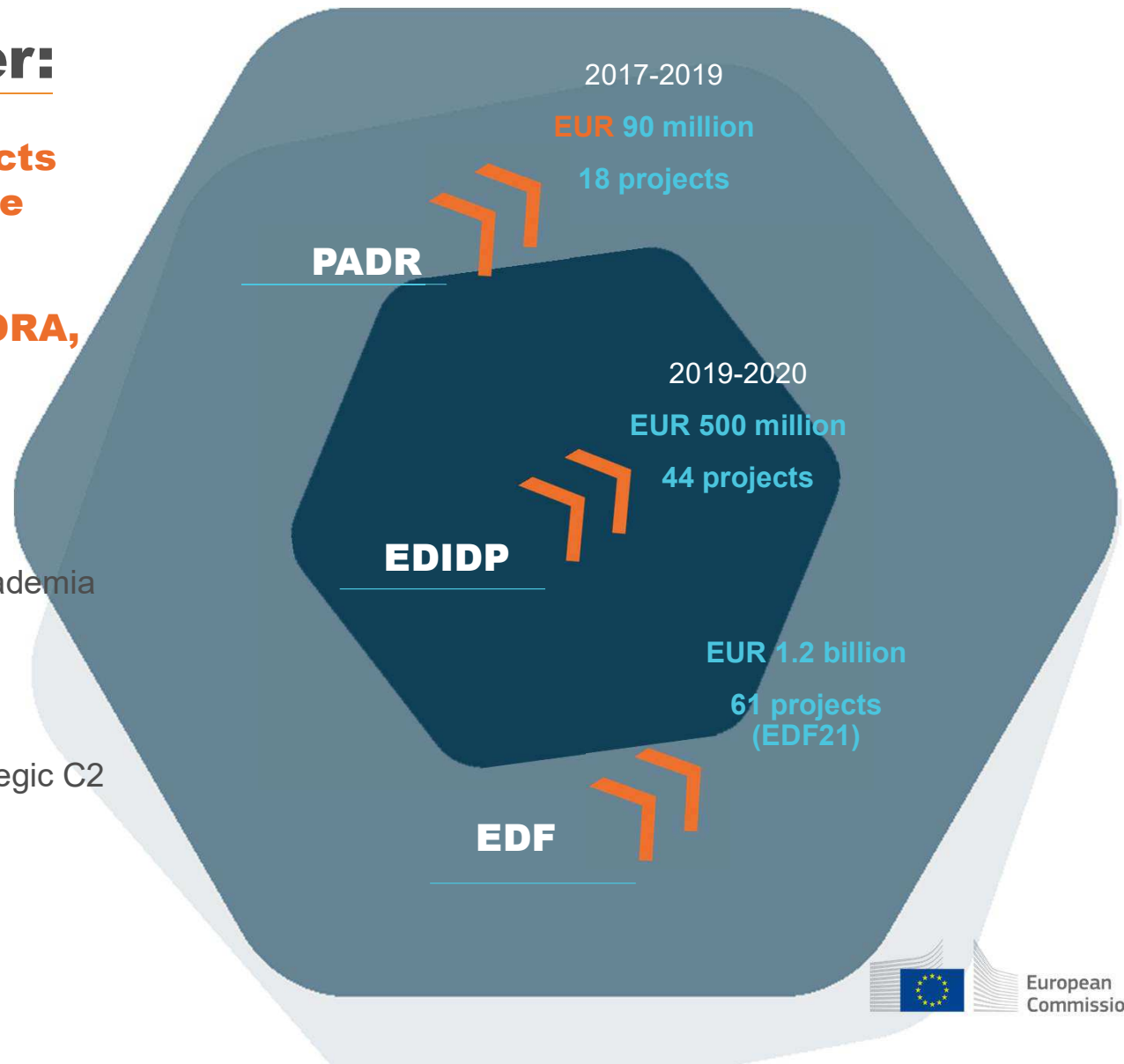
Cyber Defence projects such as: **PANDORA, DISCRETION, CYBER4DE, ECYSAP, SMOTANET, HERMES and ESC2.**

EDF21:

ACTING Related PESCO project: EU Cyber Academia and Innovation Hub (EU CAIH)

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EU-GUARDIAN: Related PESCO project: Strategic C2 System for CSDP Missions and Operations (EUMILCOM)



EDF 2022 cyber category calls

- In 2022 for cyber category more than double funding than in 2021
- Cybersecurity important “element” in other categories (horizontal)
- Under SME and disruptive non-thematic open call(s) possible to address cyber topics

Categories of Action	Budget	Topics	Description
EDF-2022-CYBER Cyber	Research 10M€	R-CSACE: Adapting Cyber Situational Awareness	Aims to develop novel solutions leveraging full-spectrum cyber defence (physical, logical, cyber persona) under an adversarial-focused perspective.
	Develop- ment 33M€	D-CIWT: Cyber and information warfare toolbox	Development of a European coherent library of software configurable components to easily integrate in Cyber and Information Warfare systems.
	Develop- ment 27M€	D-CSIR: Cybersecurity and systems for improved resilience	To prepare, design and/or demonstrate a Cyber Physical Test lab with hardware and software tools supporting.

Dedicated support to SMEs in the EDF

- Non-thematic calls dedicated to or focused on SMEs
- SME bonus & award criterion favouring the inclusion of SMEs in consortia in thematic calls
- Business coaching

EDF 2022 open calls for SMEs

Calls / Budget	Topics / Targeted activities	Comments	Comments
EDF-2022-LS-RA-SMERO Research 17.6 M€	EDF-2022-LS-RA-SMERO-NT R-SME: Non-thematic research actions by SMEs and research organisations <i>One or more among all eligible activities for research actions. No Studies alone</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Several actions • Lump sums • Max 4 M€ per action • Up to 30% funding in subcontracting per beneficiary • Business coaching for SMEs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consortium of SMEs and research organisations, coordinated by an SME • Up to 40% of funding to research organisations
EDF-2022-LS-DA-SME Development 36.5 M€	D-SME: Non-thematic development actions by SMEs <i>One or more among all eligible activities for development actions with at least one from Design and beyond</i>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consortium of SMEs only

Disruptive technologies for defence under the EDF

General principles

- 4-8% of the EDF total budget for disruptive technologies
- Thematic calls and/or non-thematic (OPEN) calls
- Derogation in the min. number of consortium members: at least 2 eligible entities from at least 2 Member States or associated countries).

OPEN Calls:

- Several actions to be funded
- Max 4M€ per action
- Business coaching for SMEs

Non-
thematic
(OPEN)
calls

EDF
2022

definition:

Technologies the application of which can radically change the concepts and conduct of defence affairs.

EDF 2022- disruptive calls

- €40 M for research actions (4,3% of the EDF WP22 total budget)
- 3 topics: 2 thematic and 1 non-thematic, with dedicated budget.

EDF 2022: disruptive technologies call

Categories of Action	Budget	Topics		Comments
EDF-2022-RA-DIS Disruptive technologies for defence applications	Research 40M€	Innovative technologies for adaptive camouflage	15M€	Addressing “adaptive” camouflage for protection of <u>Land Systems</u> (both soldiers and platforms).
		Electromagnetic artillery demonstrator	15M€	The <u>objective</u> is to solve the current technical challenges and increase the maturity of the <u>critical components</u> (namely (1) the <u>electromagnetic gun</u> , (2) the <u>pulsed power supply</u> and (3) the <u>hypervelocity projectile</u>) required to develop a medium calibre electromagnetic artillery whole system . This topic complements ongoing projects.
		Non-thematic research actions targeting disruptive technologies for defence	10M€ (max 4M€ per project)	No pre-defined topic.

EU Defence Innovation Scheme (EUDIS)

What is EUDIS

- The Commission initiative to
 - bring under one umbrella existing EU defence initiatives
 - launching new activities in support of defence innovation



Total ~ €2 Billion in defence innovation (2021-2027)

~ €1.46 Billion from EDF + expected co-funding (MS, other public and private sources)

Finding partners

- Enterprise Europe Network: Sector Group Aeronautics, Space & Defence (een.ec.europa.eu)
- European Network of Defence-related Regions (www.endr.eu)
- EU-level & national EDF Info Days
- Participation to exhibitions, B2B events
- Network enhancers (National Focal Points, RTOs, ...)

Useful links

- [General information on the EDF on DG DEFIS website](#)
(including EDF annual work programmes and multiannual perspective)
- [EDF Calls for proposals on the *Funding and Tenders portal*](#) (where to apply)
- [EDF Reference documents on the *Funding and Tenders portal*](#)
(Regulation, conditions to apply, submission templates, model grant agreements, etc.)
- [National Focal Points Network](#)
- Remaining questions regarding application to EDF calls for proposals?
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Thank you! Any questions?

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