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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2024/2509 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 September 2024 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union<sup>1</sup> ('the Financial Regulation'), and in particular Article 110 thereof,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2025/2643 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2025 establishing the European Defence Industry Programme (EDIP) and a framework of measures to ensure the timely availability and supply of defence products ('EDIP Regulation')<sup>2</sup>, and in particular Articles 21 and 34 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In order to ensure the implementation of Regulation (EU) 2025/2643, it is necessary to adopt a multiannual financing decision, which constitutes the multiannual work programme, for 2026-2027 in accordance with Article 110 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2024/2509 ('the Financial Regulation').
- (2) The envisaged assistance is to comply with the conditions and procedures set out by the restrictive measures<sup>3</sup> adopted pursuant to Article 215 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.
- (3) It is necessary to allow for the payment of interest due for late payment on the basis of Article 116(5) of the Financial Regulation.
- (4) In order to allow for flexibility in the implementation of the work programme, it is appropriate to determine which changes to the financing decision should not be considered substantial for the purposes of Article 110(5) of the Financial Regulation.
- (5) Pursuant to Article 62(1), first subparagraph, point (c), of the Financial Regulation, indirect management is to be used for the actions specified in the work programme.
- (6) The Commission is to ensure a level of protection of the financial interests of the Union with regard to persons and entities entrusted with the implementation of Union funds by indirect management as provided for in Article 157(3) of the Financial Regulation. To that end, and before a contribution agreement can be

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L, 2024/2509, 26.9.2024, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/2509/oj>.

<sup>2</sup> OJ L, 2025/2643, 29.12.2025, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2025/2643/oj>

<sup>3</sup> See [www.sanctionsmap.eu](http://www.sanctionsmap.eu) – Please note that the EU Official Journal contains the official list and, in case of conflict, its content prevails over that of the EU Sanctions Map.

signed, such persons and entities are to be subject to an assessment of their systems and procedures in accordance with Article 157(4) of the Financial Regulation and, if necessary, to appropriate supervisory measures in accordance with Article 157(5) of the Financial Regulation.

- (7) It is needed to authorise the award of grants without a call for proposals and to provide for the conditions for awarding those grants in accordance with Article 198 point (f) of the Financial Regulation.
- (8) It is necessary to protect the security and public order of the Union or its Member States as provided for in Article 136 of the Financial Regulation.
- (9) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Committee established by Article 77 of Regulation (EU) 2025/2643.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

*Article 1*  
*The work programme*

The multiannual financing decision, constituting the multiannual work programme for the implementation of the European Defence Industry Programme for 2026 and 2027, as set out in the Annex, is hereby adopted.

*Article 2*  
*Union contribution*

The maximum Union contribution for the implementation of the European Defence Industry Programme for 2026-2027 is set at EUR 1 467 486 000, and shall be financed from the appropriations entered in the following lines of the general budget of the Union:

- (a) budget line 13.0801 – The Programme: EUR 1 171 486 000;
- (b) budget line 13.0802 – The Ukraine Support Instrument: EUR 296 000 000.

The appropriations provided for in the first paragraph may also cover interest due for late payment.

In addition, administrative appropriations should be considered from the following lines of the general budget of the Union:

- (a) budget line 13.0106 - Support expenditure for the Programme: EUR 28 514 000;
- (b) budget line 13.0107 - Support expenditure for the Ukraine Support Instrument: EUR 4 000 000.

The implementation of this Decision is subject to the availability of the appropriations provided for in the general budget of the Union for 2027 following the adoption of that budget by the budget authority.

*Article 3*  
*Flexibility clause*

Cumulated changes to the allocations to specific actions not exceeding 20% of the maximum Union contribution set in Article 2, first paragraph, of this Decision shall not be considered to

be substantial for the purposes of Article 110(5) of the Financial Regulation, where those changes do not significantly affect the nature of the actions and the objective of the work programme.

The authorising officer responsible may apply the changes referred to in the first paragraph. Those changes shall be applied in accordance with the principles of sound financial management and proportionality.

#### *Article 4*

##### *Methods of implementation and entrusted entities or persons*

The implementation of the actions carried out by way of indirect management, as set out in the Annex, may be entrusted to the persons or entities referred to or selected in accordance with the criteria laid down in the Annex.

#### *Article 5*

##### *Grants awarded without a call for proposals*

Grants may be awarded without a call for proposals in accordance with the conditions set out in the Annex. Grants may be awarded to the bodies referred to in the Annex.

#### *Article 6*

##### *Contribution to blending facilities*

The provision of financial support for the amount set in the Annex will take the form of a guarantee to a Fund Accelerating Defence Supply Chains Transformation (FAST) set up as an InvestEU blending arrangement and implemented by the entity referred to in the Annex.

#### *Article 7*

##### *Security and public order*

In accordance with Article 136(2) of the Financial Regulation, the actions set out in the Annex have been identified as affecting the security and public order of the Union or its Member States.

In accordance with Article 136(3) of the Financial Regulation, the authorising officer responsible may set specific conditions for the award procedures and for the resulting legal commitments. The specific conditions shall be strictly limited to what is necessary to protect security or public order of the Union and/or its Member States.

Done at Brussels, 30.3.2026

*For the Commission*

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*Member of the Commission*



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## ANNEX

### **Work programme for 2026-2027 for Regulation (EU) 2025/2643 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2025 on the European Defence Industry Programme and a framework of measures to ensure the timely availability and supply of defence products ('EDIP Regulation')**

#### ***1. Introduction***

On the basis of the objectives laid down in Articles 4 and 22 of the Regulation (EU) 2025/2643, this work programme contains the actions to be financed and the budget breakdown for 2026-2027 as follows:

- (a) for grants (implemented under direct management) (point 2);
- (b) for procurement (implemented under direct management) (point 3);
- (c) for actions implemented under indirect management (point 4);
- (d) for contributions to blending facilities (point 5);
- (e) for other actions or expenditure (point 6).

## Legal basis

Regulation (EU) 2025/2643

## Budget lines

Budget line 13.0801 – **The Programme**: EUR 1 171 486 000;

Budget line 13.0802 – **The Ukraine Support Instrument**: EUR 296 000 000;

In the case of additional voluntary national contributions by Member States to The Programme, this funding will be programmed in line with the terms and conditions of the contribution agreement with the Member States concerned.

## Objectives pursued

Pursuant to Article 4 of Regulation (EU) 2025/2643, **the Programme** shall aim to increase the competitiveness, resilience and readiness of the European Defence Technological and Industrial Base (EDTIB) by initiating and accelerating the adjustment of the industry to structural changes imposed by the evolving security environment. In particular, the Programme shall aim to:

- a) enhance cooperation in defence procurement by incentivising Member States to aggregate demand for defence products, harmonise defence capability requirements and strengthen solidarity among themselves, ultimately leading to greater interoperability and interchangeability, and by improving predictability of demand for the EDTIB, corresponding with Member States' defence product needs;
- b) improve and accelerate the capacity for adaptation of defence industrial supply chains, open up supply chains for cross-border cooperation, in particular for SMEs and mid-caps, increase manufacturing capacities, reduce production lead time for defence products and support the industrialisation and commercialisation of defence products supported by actions funded by the Union or by other Union cooperative activities conducted with the support of Member States, with a view to ensuring the availability and supply of defence products throughout the Union, and taking into account the specific needs of Member States in the case of materialisation of conventional military threats;
- c) improve the security of supply and resilience of the EDTIB by supporting the development and presence of the EDTIB throughout the Union.

Pursuant to Article 22 of Regulation (EU) 2025/2643, **the Ukraine Support Instrument** shall contribute to the recovery, reconstruction and modernisation of the Ukrainian Defence Technological and Industrial Base (the Ukrainian DTIB) with a view to increasing its defence industrial readiness, taking into account its possible future integration into the EDTIB, through cooperation between the Union and Ukraine, thereby enhancing mutual stability, security, peace, prosperity, resilience and sustainability.

## Expected results

Actions funded under this work programme shall contribute to enhance the technological leadership, innovation, readiness, long-term competitiveness, resilience, integration and preparedness of the EDTIB, ensuring the timely availability and supply of defence products and contributing to the recovery, reconstruction and modernisation of the Ukrainian DTIB).

## 2. Grants

The global budgetary envelope reserved for grants under this work programme is EUR 1 311 700 000.

The work programme identifies calls for proposals in relation to common procurement actions (CPA), to industrial reinforcement actions (IRA), to supporting actions (SA) and to deployment of European Defence Project of Common Interest (EDPCI).

An overview of the calls for proposals, topics and budget distribution over 2026-2027 is provided in Appendix 1.

### 2.1 EDIP-P-2026-FNLC-CPA: 1<sup>st</sup> call for proposals for common procurement actions under the Programme

Type of applicants targeted by the call for proposals

Any eligible entity or entities as referred to in Article 9, Article 11(2) and (3) of the Regulation (EU) 2025/2643.

Description of the activities to be funded for each topic under the call for proposals, as well as of the objectives pursued and the expected results

The objective of this call is to foster cooperation in defence procurement processes between participating Member States and associated countries. The call consists of the following 2 topics:

#### **EDIP-P-2026-FNLC-CPA-CDS: Counter-drone systems**

##### ***Objectives pursued***

This topic aims at actions supporting the common procurement of integrated systems (e.g. VSHORAD or SHORAD) or parts thereof (including sensors, kinetic or non-kinetic effectors - including direct energy weapons -, command and control solutions) to counter unmanned aerial, ground, surface or underwater vehicles, including those controlled remotely or operating autonomously using advanced software and sensors.

##### ***Description of the activities***

Common procurement actions under this topic shall consist of activities related to the cooperation of legal entities in the procurement of integrated counter-drone systems or parts thereof, at any point in the life cycle of such defence products, including for the purpose of establishing, managing and maintaining defence industrial readiness pools. Procurement contracts are expected to include provisions allowing to upgrade quickly the counter-drone systems based on the evolving lessons identified from the battlefield.

To achieve the expected impact, the estimated value of a common procurement proposed for actions under this topic shall be at least EUR 20 000 000 aiming to commonly procure defence products to fill the capability gaps and reinforce cooperation among Member States and associated countries. The procurement shall be based on a binding agreement to be signed by the participating Member States and associated countries with a procurement agent appointed by those Member States and associated countries. Such procurement agent may be contracting authorities of Member States or associated countries, the European Defence Agency (EDA), a Structure for European Armament Programme (SEAP) or other international organisation, including the Organisation for Joint Armament Cooperation (OCCAR) or the NATO Support and Procurement Agency (NSPA). The cooperation shall be newly created in the context of the application to the call topic or based on an existing

framework, provided that the activities under such cooperation framework did not start before 5 March 2024 and have not been completed before the signature of the grant agreement. Eligible actions are common procurement of systems, parts thereof or variants of those. The common procurement can be organised as a framework contract.

Actions shall be completed no later than 31 December 2033.

### ***Expected results***

The results of the activities should contribute to support common procurement, leading to strengthening the cooperation among Member States and associated countries, as well as to greater interoperability. Furthermore, they should contribute to the replenishment of depleted stockpiles of counter-drone systems, to the increase of existing stockpiles or to establishment of defence industrial readiness pool, as well as to the development and reinforcement of counter-drone solutions as drones are being increasingly perceived as a pressing threat.

### **EDIP-P-2026-FNLC-CPA-AMEW: Ammunition, missiles and other explosive weapons**

#### ***Objectives pursued***

This topic aims at actions supporting the common procurement of ammunition (including small arms ammunition, tank and anti-tank ammunitions, artillery ammunition, guided ammunitions), missiles (all types of missiles) and other explosive weapons (including hand grenade, land and naval mines, mortar, rockets, unmanned systems (aerial, ground, surface and underwater vehicles controlled remotely or operating autonomously using advanced software and sensors) able to perform guided strikes (including attack or kamikaze drones, FPV loitering munitions), torpedoes), or parts thereof, contributing to replenishment of stocks.

#### ***Description of the activities***

Common procurement actions under this topic shall consist of activities related to the cooperation of legal entities in the procurement of ammunition, missiles, and other explosive weapons, at any point in the life cycle of such defence products, including for the purpose of establishing, managing and maintaining defence industrial readiness pools. Where relevant (e.g. unmanned systems for guided strikes), procurement contracts are expected to include provisions allowing to rapidly upgrade the procured systems based on evolving lessons identified from the battlefield.

To achieve the expected impact, the estimated value of a common procurement proposed for actions under this topic shall be of at least EUR 20 000 000 aiming to commonly procure defence products to fill the capability gaps and reinforce cooperation among Member States and associated countries. The procurement shall be based on a binding agreement to be signed by the participating Member States and associated countries with a procurement agent appointed by those Member States and associated countries. Such procurement agent may be contracting authorities of Member States or associated countries, the European Defence Agency (EDA), a Structure for European Armament Programme (SEAP) or other international organisation, including the Organisation for Joint Armament Cooperation (OCCAR) or the NATO Support and Procurement Agency (NSPA). The cooperation shall be newly created in the context of the application to the call topic or based on an existing framework, provided that the activities under such cooperation framework did not start before 5 March 2024 and have not been completed before the signature of the grant agreement. Eligible actions are common procurement of systems, parts thereof or variants of systems. The common procurement can be organised as a framework contract.

Actions shall be completed no later than 31 December 2033.

### ***Expected results***

The results of the activities should contribute to support common procurement, leading to strengthening the cooperation among Member States and associated countries, as well as to greater interoperability. Furthermore, they should contribute to the building up of strategic stockpile of ammunition, missiles, including their components, or to the increase of existing ones, as well as to the development of low-cost unmanned systems for guided strikes adapted to modern warfare scenarios.

### **Implementation**

The actions will be implemented directly by the Directorate-General for Defence industry and Space (DG DEFIS).

### **Additional information**

#### **Budget**

The Commission is considering a total budget of EUR 90 000 000 for the call for proposals with the following indicative overall amount of Union contribution for each funding priority ('topic'):

- EDIP-P-2026-FNLC-CPA-CDS: EUR 30 000 000
- EDIP-P-2026-FNLC-CPA-AMEW: EUR 60 000 000

The maximum EU contribution per funded project will not exceed EUR 20 000 000 allowing several proposals to be funded under each topic.

Depending on the number and quality of received proposals and the requested Union financial contributions, the Commission may decide to reallocate budget between topics and calls.

#### **Minimum financial size of the actions**

The minimum estimated value of a common procurement to be eligible for funding within each topic is:

- EDIP-P-2026-FNLC-CPA-CDS: EUR 20 000 000
- EDIP-P-2026-FNLC-CPA-AMEW: EUR 20 000 000

#### **Form of funding, methods for determining and, where applicable, adjusting the funding**

In accordance with Article 20(3) of Regulation (EU) 2025/2643, the actions are to be funded by way of grants in the form of financing not linked to costs (FLNC), pursuant to Article 183(3) of the Financial Regulation.

The Union financial contribution per action is calculated as described in Appendix 2a.

#### **Description of the milestones, the results to be achieved and the associated amounts to be disbursed**

See Appendix 3a.

#### **Arrangements for the verification of the milestones, the fulfilment of conditions and the achievement of results**

See Appendix 4a.

### **Procedure for the evaluation and selection of proposals**

See Appendix 5.

### **Applicable award criteria and weighting**

See Appendix 6a.

## **2.2 EDIP-P-2027-FNLC-CPA: 2<sup>nd</sup> call for proposals for common procurement actions under the Programme**

Type of applicants targeted by the call for proposals

Any eligible entity or entities as referred to in Article 9, Article 11(2) and (3) of Regulation (EU) 2025/2643.

Description of the activities to be funded for each topic under the call for proposals, as well as of the objectives pursued and the expected results

The objective of this call is to foster cooperation in defence procurement processes between participating Member States and associated countries. The call consists of the following 3 topics:

### **EDIP-P-2027-FNLC-CPA-AMDS: Air and missile defence systems**

#### ***Objectives pursued***

This topic aims at actions supporting the common procurement of integrated, multilayered, air and missile defence, or parts thereof including sensors (e.g. radars), kinetic or non-kinetic effectors, command and control, that protects against the full spectrum of air threats (cruise missiles, ballistic and hypersonic missiles, aircraft and UAS) from medium to long range, high and terminal high altitude, including endo-atmospheric interceptor. This topic does not cover very short to short range air defence systems against low altitude UAS (covered by call topic EDIP-P-2026-FNLC-CPA-CDS).

#### ***Description of the activities***

Common procurement actions under this topic shall consist of activities related to the cooperation of legal entities in the procurement of air and missile defence systems, or parts thereof, at any point in the life cycle of such defence products, including for the purpose of establishing, managing and maintaining defence industrial readiness pools.

To achieve the expected impact, the estimated value of a common procurement proposed for actions under this topic should be at least EUR 80 000 000 aiming to commonly procure defence products to fill the capability gaps and reinforce cooperation among Member States and associated countries. The procurement shall be based on a binding agreement to be signed by the participating Member States and associated countries with a procurement agent appointed by those Member States and associated countries. Such procurement agent may be contracting authorities of Member States or associated countries, the European Defence Agency (EDA), a Structure for European Armament Programme (SEAP) or other international organisation, including the Organisation for Joint Armament Cooperation (OCCAR) or the NATO Support and Procurement Agency (such as OCCAR or NSPA). The cooperation shall be newly created in the context of the application to the call topic or based on an existing framework, provided that the activities under such cooperation framework did not start before 5 March 2024 and have not been completed before the signature of the grant

agreement. Eligible actions are common procurement of systems, parts thereof or variants of those. The common procurement can be organised as a framework contract.

Actions shall be completed no later than 31 December 2033.

### ***Expected results***

The results of the activities should contribute to support common procurement, leading to strengthening the cooperation among Member States and associated countries, as well as to greater interoperability. Furthermore, they should contribute to the development and reinforcement of air and missile defence capabilities of the participants.

## **EDIP-P-2027-FNLC-CPA-GNPS: Ground and naval platforms and systems**

### ***Objectives pursued***

This topic aims to support the common procurement of a wide range of capabilities or systems of ground and naval platforms or parts thereof, including but not limited to artillery systems, (counter)-mobility platforms, tanks or other armoured vehicles, support vehicles, combat platforms, soldier systems, surface and underwater naval platforms or their sub-systems.

### ***Description of the activities***

Common procurement actions under this topic shall consist of activities related to the cooperation of legal entities in the procurement of ground, naval platforms and systems, at any point in the life cycle of such defence products, including for the purpose of establishing, managing and maintaining defence industrial readiness pools.

To achieve the expected impact, the estimated value of a common procurement proposed for actions under this topic shall be at least EUR 80 000 000 aiming to commonly procure defence products to fill the capability gaps and reinforce cooperation among Member States and associated countries. The procurement shall be based on a binding agreement to be signed by the participating Member States and associated countries with a procurement agent appointed by those Member States and associated countries. Such procurement agent may be contracting authorities of Member States or associated countries, the European Defence Agency (EDA), a Structure for European Armament Programme (SEAP) or other international organisation, including the Organisation for Joint Armament Co-operation (OCCAR) or the NATO Support and Procurement Agency (NSPA). The cooperation shall be newly created in the context of the application to the call topic or based on an existing framework, provided that the activities under such cooperation framework did not start before 5 March 2024 and have not been completed before the signature of the grant agreement. Eligible actions are common procurement of systems or variants of systems. The common procurement can be organised as a framework contract.

Actions shall be completed no later than 31 December 2033.

### ***Expected results***

The results of the activities should contribute to support common procurement, leading to strengthening the cooperation among Member States and associated countries, as well as to greater interoperability. Furthermore, they should contribute to the development and the procurement of common platforms and subsystems.

## **EDIP-P-2027-FNLC-CPA-C5ISRS: C5ISR and other space-related products**

### ***Objectives pursued***

This topic aims to support the common procurement of C5ISR or other space-related defence capabilities and systems, including but not limited to, sensors and assets for intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance, cyber defence products, communication and networking systems, command and control systems, Galileo-enabled equipment, systems for Space domain awareness, countering jamming and spoofing, in-space operations and services or other sovereign capabilities complementing the EU Space programme.

### ***Description of the activities***

Common procurement actions under this topic shall consist of activities related to the cooperation of legal entities in the procurement of C5ISR or other space-related defence products and systems, at any point in the life cycle of such defence products, including for the purpose of establishing, managing and maintaining defence industrial readiness pools.

To achieve the expected impact, the estimated value of a common procurement proposed for actions under this topic shall be at least EUR 20 000 000 aiming to commonly procure defence products to fill the capability gaps and reinforce cooperation among Member States and associated countries. The procurement shall be based on a binding agreement to be signed by the participating Member States and associated countries with a procurement agent appointed by those Member States and associated countries. Such procurement agent may be contracting authorities of Member States or associated countries, the European Defence Agency (EDA), a Structure for European Armament Programme (SEAP) or other international organisation, including the Organisation for Joint Armament Cooperation (OCCAR) or the NATO Support and Procurement Agency (NSPA). The cooperation shall be newly created in the context of the application to the call topic or based on an existing framework, provided that the activities under such cooperation framework did not start before 5 March 2024 and have not been completed before the signature of the grant agreement. Eligible actions are common procurement of systems or variants of systems. The common procurement can be organised as a framework contract.

Actions shall be completed no later than 31 December 2033.

### ***Expected results***

The results of the activities should contribute to support common procurement, leading to strengthening the cooperation among Member States and associated countries, as well as to greater interoperability. Furthermore, they should contribute to the development and reinforcement of C5ISR and space-related products of the participants.

## Implementation

The actions will be implemented directly by the Directorate-General for Defence industry and Space (DG DEFIS).

## Additional information

### **Budget**

The Commission is considering a total budget of EUR 150 000 000 for the call for proposals with the following indicative overall amount of Union contribution for each funding priority

(‘topic’):

- EDIP-P-2027-FNLC-CPA-AMDS: EUR 60 000 000
- EDIP-P-2027-FNLC-CPA-GNPS: EUR 60 000 000
- EDIP-P-2027-FNLC-CPA-C5ISRS: EUR 30 000 000

The maximum EU contribution per funded project will not exceed EUR 20 000 000 allowing several proposals to be funded under each topic.

Depending on the number and quality of received proposals and the requested Union financial contributions, the Commission may decide to reallocate budget between topics and calls.

#### **Minimum financial size of the actions**

The minimum estimated value of a common procurement to be eligible for funding within each topic is:

- EDIP-P-2027-FNLC-CPA-AMDS: EUR 80 000 000
- EDIP-P-2027-FNLC-CPA-GNPS: EUR 80 000 000
- EDIP-P-2027-FNLC-CPA-C5ISRS: EUR 20 000 000

#### **Form of funding, methods for determining and, where applicable, adjusting the funding**

In accordance with Article 20(3) of Regulation (EU) 2025/2643, the actions are to be funded by way of grants in the form of financing not linked to costs (FLNC), pursuant to Article 183(3) of the Financial Regulation.

The Union financial contribution per action is calculated as described in Appendix 2a.

#### **Description of the milestones, the results to be achieved and the associated amounts to be disbursed**

See Appendix 3a.

#### **Arrangements for the verification of the milestones, the fulfilment of conditions and the achievement of results**

See Appendix 4a.

#### **Procedure for the evaluation and selection of proposals**

See Appendix 5.

#### **Applicable award criteria and weighting**

See Appendix 6a.

### **2.3 EDIP-P-2026-LS-IRA: 1<sup>st</sup> call for proposals for industrial reinforcement actions under the Programme**

Type of applicants targeted by the call for proposals

Any eligible entity or entities as referred to in Article 9, Article 12(2) and (3) of Regulation (EU) 2025/2643.

Description of the activities to be funded for each topic under the call for proposals, as well as of the objectives pursued and the expected results

The objective of this call is to reinforce the EU industrial production capacity of defence products, including their components and corresponding raw materials. The call consists of the following topic:

**EDIP-P-2026-LS-IRA-EC: Energetic components**

***Objectives pursued***

This topic aims to strengthen the competitiveness, responsiveness and ability of the EDTIB to reinforce EU industrial production capacity for energetic components (including their components and corresponding raw materials insofar as they are intended or used wholly for the production of defence products) that constitute critical bottlenecks for key defence product across land, air, naval and underwater domains:

- rockets, aerial bombs, mines and loitering munition;
- missiles;
- tank, artillery and counter-unmanned systems (UxS) ammunition;
- small-calibre cartridges (including ammunition and devices for dismounted soldiers).

Actions shall be aligned with the objectives, scope and priorities of this call topic and shall contribute to the competitiveness of the EU defence technological and industrial base by securing specific production capacity for:

- **propellant powder** (including nitrocellulose, single, double & triple-base powder, and modular charge);
- **explosives** (including nitroglycerine, TNT, RDX, HMX, PETN, NTO, primers/fuses);
- **propulsion systems;**
- **warheads and electronic fuzes;**
- **filling plants;**
- **and access to relevant raw materials.**

As industrial reinforcement actions, proposals shall integrate a robust approach to managing key risks (including safety, supply-chain and obsolescence, life-cycle and maintainability, and industrialisation) and shall, where relevant, take into account the necessity to include provisions allowing to upgrade quickly the targeted defence product based on the evolving lessons identified from the battlefield.

Applicants may include an optional dedicated Work Package (WP) implementing a supporting action as defined in Article 13(d) of Regulation (EU) 2025/2643, to **reinforce the physical and cyber protection of the production capacity targeted by the action, including on security against UxS/drone-enabled threats**. The objective is to reduce the risk of disruption, sabotage or interference affecting production continuity, ramp-up and deliveries, complementing the proposal's overall risk-management approach (notably safety, supply-chain and obsolescence, industrialisation/integration, and maintainability risks) and supporting the achievement of the industrial KPIs set for lead time and capacity.

***Description of the activities***

Proposals shall implement Industrial Reinforcement Actions, in line with Regulation (EU) 2025/2643, targeting the specific defence product and production capacities listed under "Objectives pursued".

Proposals shall demonstrate the **criticality of the targeted defence product and associated production capacity** and justify the urgency of reinforcing availability and security of supply through the proposed industrial reinforcement activities.

Proposals shall set out an industrial reinforcement plan supported by a **risk-management approach** that addresses the identified risks and the measures to ensure availability and security of supply, including risks specific to energetic materials (e.g. process safety, hazardous materials handling, permits, and upstream precursor availability).

Activities linked to the **physical and cyber protection WP** may include expert threat assessment, procurement, installation and initial integration of proportionate solutions as well as efforts to connect to a national or European security system for: (i) counter-UxS site protection measures (detection/alerting and other authorised protective measures), and/or (ii) cyber protection measures of production-relevant networks and systems (including monitoring, hardening and secure access) which includes obtaining the European Union Cybersecurity Certification (EUCC) schemes for products used in the IRA activity, as well as acceptance testing and operational set-up necessary for effective deployment, in order to work towards compliance with the NIS2 Directive, where applicable, and alignment with standards such as ISO/IEC 27001 and IEC 62443.

Where implemented, the **physical and cyber protection WP** shall clearly specify the protected assets, threat assessment for the to be protected sites to support the security measures, interfaces with production continuity and KPIs, explain how these measures reduce risks that could otherwise impact the delivery of the proposal's core industrial results (e.g., lead-time reduction, throughput/capacity increase, reserved capacity where applicable, and workforce readiness) and present efforts to link the respective site's security system with a national and/or European security system.

Actions shall not have started before 5 March 2024 and shall not have been completed before the signature of the Grant Agreement (GA). The duration and the starting date of the action will be set out in the GA. The action shall have an indicative duration of three to five years; in any event, it shall be completed no later than 31 December 2033.

### ***Expected results***

Projects are expected to deliver results aligned with the expected results set out below and to evidence their contribution through dedicated KPIs defined in the proposal. Expected results include:

- tangible capacity increases in EU-based production of the targeted energetic components, with demonstrated contribution to **competitiveness**;
- improved **resilience & geographical distribution** of supply, reducing single points of failure for energetic materials and related industrial services;
- strengthened **availability and security of supply** for priority defence product production lines, commensurate with identified risks and exposure to the risk of materialisation of conventional military threats;
- and measurable **lead-time reductions**, establishment or availability of **reserved capacity** where applicable, and **workforce trained** to operate and sustain the reinforced production lines.

Proposals shall define, baseline and track KPIs such as added throughput (e.g., tonnes/month of propellant powder or explosives; units/month of propulsion systems/warheads; filling lines

output), time-to-rate, lead-time reduction, yield/quality improvements, qualified output delivered, reserved capacity parameters, numbers of staff trained, and indicators evidencing risk mitigation (e.g., raw-material securing measures, safety performance and compliance readiness, supply-chain robustness and obsolescence management outcomes).

Where implemented, the **physical and cyber protection WP** is expected to deliver measurable improvements in site and production security, evidenced through threat assessment protected sites to support the security measures and KPIs (e.g., coverage of protected areas/assets, detection/alert performance, response readiness, critical vulnerabilities mitigated). Those KPIs shall be linked to the project's overall risk register and show how risk exposure is reduced and how production continuity is improved, thereby limiting the likelihood and/or impact of incidents that could delay production ramp-up or affect output and delivery reliability (including, where relevant, the availability of reserved capacity and the achievement of workforce-related milestones).

#### Implementation

The actions will be implemented directly by the Directorate-General for Defence industry and Space (DG DEFIS).

#### Additional information

##### **Budget**

The Commission is considering a total budget of EUR 166 400 000 for the call for proposals.

The maximum EU contribution per funded project will not exceed EUR 30 000 000 allowing several proposals to be funded.

The Commission is considering supporting specifically any optional work packages dedicated to the reinforcement of the physical and cyber protection of the industrial capacity targeted by the action, with a maximum EU contribution of EUR 500 000 per funded project.

Depending on the number and quality of received proposals and the requested Union financial contributions, the Commission may decide to reallocate budget between calls.

##### **Minimum financial size of the actions**

The minimum financial size of the action to be eligible for funding is EUR 2 000 000.

##### **Maximum number of legal entities forming part of the consortium**

The number of legal entities forming part of the consortium shall not exceed 15 as per Article 21(3)(c) of the Regulation (EU) 2025/2643.

##### **Form of funding, methods for determining and, where applicable, adjusting the funding**

The actions will be funded by way of grants in the form of lump sums, in the meaning of Article 125(1), subparagraphs (d) and (e) of the Financial Regulation.

The Union financial contribution per action is calculated as described in Appendix 2d.

##### **Procedure for the evaluation and selection of proposals**

See Appendix 5.

##### **Applicable award criteria and weighting**

See Appendix 6c.

## 2.4 EDIP-P-2027-LS-IRA: 2<sup>nd</sup> call for proposals for industrial reinforcement actions under the Programme

Type of applicants targeted by the call for proposals

Any eligible entity or entities as referred to in Article 9, Article 12(2) and (3) of Regulation (EU) 2025/2643.

Description of the activities to be funded for each topic under the call for proposals, as well as of the objectives pursued and the expected results

The objective of this call is to reinforce the EU industrial production capacity of defence products, including their components and corresponding raw materials. The call consists of the following 2 topics:

### **EDIP-P-2027-LS-IRA-KEC: Key electronic components**

#### ***Objectives pursued***

This topic aims to strengthen the competitiveness, responsiveness and ability of the EDTIB to reinforce EU industrial production capacity for key electronic components (including their components and corresponding raw materials insofar as they are intended or used wholly for the production of defence products) that constitute critical bottlenecks for key defence product, across land, air, naval and underwater domains:

- **(swarming) UxSs and loitering munitions** (including FPV variants, interceptor drones, and AI-enabled/autonomy-enabled UxS integration lines);
- **(counter-)UxS systems** (including EW-resilient defeat concepts and counter-interceptor solutions);
- **missile (defence) systems** (including missile seekers / terminal sensing sub-systems);
- **precision-guided munition (PGM);**
- **mobile communication nodes and C2 systems** (including UxS datalinks/video transmission, relay/repeater nodes, underwater communication systems, cryptosystems and LTE/5G-enabled variants where relevant);
- **and C4ISR (Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance) including Electronic Warfare (EW, including secure tactical networking, trusted/anti-tamper enabled C4ISR/EW equipment), underwater ISR/ASW, sonar, radars, EO sensors, wideband multifunction RF systems and all associated processing.**

Actions shall be aligned with the objectives, scope and priorities of this call topic and shall contribute to the **competitiveness** of the EU defence technological and industrial base by securing specific production capacity for:

- **guidance electronics** (including flight controller stacks, inertial measurement unit (IMUs), Galileo PRS receiver and sensor-fusion electronics);
- **propulsion electronics** (including electronic speed controllers (ESCs), motor control units, power distribution boards (PDBs), battery management system (BMS) electronics and propulsion power-conditioning modules);

- **RF and laser modules** (including RF front-end building blocks, T/R modules where applicable, datalink modules/chipsets and enabling RF/EO components like high-speed mixed-signal components and precision timing and frequency reference components, laser driver/control electronics, and laser transmit/receive sub-modules);
- **multispectral cameras** (including thermal/EO sensing modules, relevant dependencies like video transmission modules where applicable and low observable underwater sensors);
- **avionics** (including EW systems, edge compute integration where relevant to autonomy-enabled variants);
- **PCBs and IC substrates** (including HDI/secure PCBs, high-frequency laminates/materials and related processing capacity, trusted interconnect, and substrate assembly);
- **Lithium-ion polymer batteries, power electronics and critical semiconductor building blocks** (including electronic speed controllers (ESCs), propulsion control power electronics, FPGAs/SoCs/ASICs and secure processing components, and GaN/GaAs/SiGe/RF-CMOS/high power laser diodes supply-chain elements).

As industrial reinforcement actions, proposals shall integrate a robust approach to managing key risks (including safety, supply-chain and obsolescence, life-cycle and maintainability, and industrialisation) and shall, where relevant, take into account the necessity to include provisions allowing to upgrade quickly the targeted defence product based on the evolving lessons identified from the battlefield.

Applicants may include an optional dedicated WP implementing a supporting action as defined in Article 13(d) of Regulation (EU) 2025/2643, to **reinforce the physical and cyber protection of the production capacity targeted by the action, including on security against UxS/drone-enabled threats**. The objective is to reduce the risk of disruption, sabotage or interference affecting production continuity, ramp-up and deliveries, complementing the proposal's overall risk-management approach (notably safety, supply-chain and obsolescence, industrialisation/integration, and maintainability risks) and supporting the achievement of the industrial KPIs set for lead time and capacity.

#### *Description of the activities*

Proposals shall implement Industrial Reinforcement Actions, in line with Regulation (EU) 2025/2643, targeting the specific defence product production capacities listed under "Objectives pursued".

Proposals shall demonstrate the **criticality of the targeted defence and associated production capacity**, and justify the urgency of reinforcing availability and security of supply through the proposed industrial reinforcement activities.

Proposals shall set out an industrial reinforcement plan supported by a **risk-management approach** that addresses the identified risks and the measures to ensure availability and security of supply.

Activities linked to the **physical and cyber protection WP** may include expert threat assessment, procurement, installation and initial integration of proportionate solutions as well as efforts to connect to a national or European security system for: (i) counter-UxS site

protection measures (detection/alerting and other authorised protective measures), and/or (ii) cyber protection measures of production-relevant networks and systems (including monitoring, hardening and secure access) which includes obtaining the European Union Cybersecurity Certification (EUCC) schemes for products used in the IRA activity, as well as acceptance testing and operational set-up necessary for effective deployment, in order to work towards compliance with the NIS2 Directive, where applicable, and alignment with standards such as ISO/IEC 27001 and IEC 62443.

Where implemented, the **physical and cyber protection** WP shall clearly specify the protected assets, threat assessment for the to be protected sites to support the security measures, interfaces with production continuity and KPIs, explain how these measures reduce risks that could otherwise impact the delivery of the proposal's core industrial results (e.g., lead-time reduction, throughput/capacity increase, reserved capacity where applicable, and workforce readiness) and present efforts to link the respective site's security system with a national and/or European security system.

Actions shall not have started before 5 March 2024 and shall not have been completed before the signature of the Grant Agreement (GA). The duration and the starting date of the action will be set out in the GA. The action shall have an indicative duration of three to five years; in any event, it shall be completed no later than 31 December 2033.

### ***Expected results***

Projects are expected to deliver results aligned with the expected results set out in this call topic and to evidence their contribution through dedicated KPIs defined in the proposal. Expected results include:

- tangible capacity increases in EU-based production of the targeted electronic components, with demonstrated contribution to **competitiveness**;
- improved **resilience & geographical distribution** of supply, reducing single points of failure;
- strengthened **availability and security of supply** for priority defence product production lines, commensurate with identified risks and exposure to the risk of
- materialisation of conventional military threats;
- and measurable lead-time reductions, establishment or availability of reserved capacity where applicable, and workforce trained to operate and sustain the reinforced production lines.

Proposals shall define, baseline and track KPIs such as added throughput (units/month), time-to-rate, lead-time reduction, yield/quality improvements, qualified output delivered, reserved capacity parameters, and numbers of staff trained, alongside indicators evidencing risk mitigation (e.g., supply-chain robustness and obsolescence management outcomes).

Where implemented, the **physical and cyber protection** WP is expected to deliver measurable improvements in site and production security, evidenced through threat assessment protected sites to support the security measures and KPIs (e.g., coverage of protected areas/assets, detection/alert performance, response readiness, critical vulnerabilities mitigated). Those KPIs shall be linked to the project's overall risk register and show how risk exposure is reduced and how production continuity is improved, thereby limiting the

likelihood and/or impact of incidents that could delay production ramp-up or affect output and delivery reliability (including, where relevant, the availability of reserved capacity and the achievement of workforce-related milestones).

### **EDIP-P-2027-LS-IRA-PE: Platforms and end-products**

#### ***Objectives pursued***

This topic aims to strengthen the competitiveness, responsiveness and ability of the EDTIB to reinforce EU industrial production capacity for key **platforms and end-products**, across land, air, naval and underwater domains:

- artillery systems;
- armoured vehicles (including special purpose and support vehicles);
- fixed and rotary wing aircraft;
- (counter-)UxS systems (including loitering munition);
- (anti-)PGM systems (including (anti-)missile systems);
- radars;
- mine warfare systems (including minelaying and mine countermeasures in both naval and land domains);
- surface and underwater naval platforms (including torpedoes);
- firearms;
- satellite payloads and terminals.

Actions shall be aligned with the objectives, scope and priorities of this call topic and shall contribute to the **competitiveness** of the EU defence technological and industrial base by securing specific production capacity for:

- forging/machining;
- key sub-systems;
- composites materials;
- assembly/integration of end products;
- MaaS (Manufacturing as a Service);
- dual-use (heavy) industry conversion options for defence surge.

As industrial reinforcement actions, proposals shall integrate a robust approach to managing key risks (including safety, supply-chain and obsolescence, life-cycle and maintainability, and industrialisation), shall demonstrate the criticality of reinforcing the availability and security of supply for the specific targeted platforms or end-products and shall, where relevant, take into account the necessity to include provisions allowing to upgrade quickly the targeted platforms or end-products based on the evolving lessons identified from the battlefield.

Applicants may include an optional dedicated WP implementing a supporting action as defined in Article 13(d) of Regulation (EU) 2025/2643, to **reinforce the physical and cyber protection of the production capacity targeted by the action, including on security**

**against UxS/drone-enabled threats.** The objective is to reduce the risk of disruption, sabotage or interference affecting production continuity, ramp-up and deliveries, complementing the proposal's overall risk-management approach (notably safety, supply-chain and obsolescence, industrialisation/integration, and maintainability risks) and supporting the achievement of the industrial KPIs set for lead time and capacity.

### *Description of the activities*

Proposals shall implement Industrial Reinforcement Actions, in line with Regulation (EU) 2025/2643, targeting the specific defence product and production capacities listed under "Objectives pursued".

Proposals shall demonstrate the **criticality of the targeted platforms or end-products** and justify the urgency of reinforcing their availability and security of supply through the proposed industrial reinforcement activities.

Proposals shall set out an industrial reinforcement plan supported by a **risk-management approach** that addresses the identified risks and the measures to ensure availability and security of supply, including industrialisation and integration risks relevant to platform-level ramp-up (e.g., qualification, integration bottlenecks, maintainability, and critical sub-system dependencies).

Activities linked to the **physical and cyber protection WP** may include expert threat assessment, procurement, installation and initial integration of proportionate solutions as well as efforts to connect to a national or European security system for: (i) counter-UxS site protection measures (detection/alerting and other authorised protective measures), and/or (ii) cyber protection measures of production-relevant networks and systems (including monitoring, hardening and secure access) which includes obtaining the European Union Cybersecurity Certification (EUCC) schemes for products used in the IRA activity, as well as acceptance testing and operational set-up necessary for effective deployment, in order to work towards compliance with the NIS2 Directive, where applicable, and alignment with standards such as ISO/IEC 27001 and IEC 62443.

Where implemented, the **physical and cyber protection WP** shall clearly specify the protected assets, threat assessment for the to be protected sites to support the security measures, interfaces with production continuity and KPIs, explain how these measures reduce risks that could otherwise impact the delivery of the proposal's core industrial results (e.g., lead-time reduction, throughput/capacity increase, reserved capacity where applicable, and workforce readiness) and present efforts to link the respective site's security system with a national and/or European security system.

Actions shall not have started before 5 March 2024 and shall not have been completed before the signature of the Grant Agreement (GA). The duration and the starting date of the action will be set out in the GA. The action shall have an indicative duration of three to five years; in any event, it shall be completed no later than 31 December 2033.

### *Expected results*

Projects are expected to deliver results aligned with the expected results set out in this call topic and to evidence their contribution through dedicated KPIs defined in the proposal.

Expected results include:

- tangible capacity increases in EU-based production enabling the ramp-up of the targeted platforms or end-products, with demonstrated contribution to **competitiveness**;
- improved **resilience & geographical distribution** of supply and industrial capability, reducing single points of failure across forging/machining, key sub-systems, composites and assembly/integration;
- strengthened **availability and security of supply** of the targeted platforms or end-products with identified risks and exposure to the risk of materialisation of conventional military threats;
- and measurable **lead-time reductions**, establishment or availability of **reserved capacity** where applicable, and **workforce trained** to operate and sustain the reinforced production lines (including, where relevant, MaaS and dual-use conversion pathways).

Proposals shall define, baseline and track KPIs such as added throughput (e.g., units/month of platforms/end-products or critical sub-systems; tonnes/month or batches for forging/machining/composites where relevant), time-to-rate, lead-time reduction, yield/quality improvements, qualified output delivered, reserved capacity parameters, numbers of staff trained, and indicators evidencing risk mitigation (e.g., supply-chain robustness, integration maturity, maintainability readiness and obsolescence management outcomes).

Where implemented, the **physical and cyber protection WP** is expected to deliver measurable improvements in site and production security, evidenced through threat assessment protected sites to support the security measures and KPIs (e.g., coverage of protected areas/assets, detection/alert performance, response readiness, critical vulnerabilities mitigated). Those KPIs shall be linked to the project's overall risk register and show how risk exposure is reduced and how production continuity is improved, thereby limiting the likelihood and/or impact of incidents that could delay production ramp-up or affect output and delivery reliability (including, where relevant, the availability of reserved capacity and the achievement of workforce-related milestones).

## Implementation

The actions will be implemented directly by the Directorate-General for Defence industry and Space (DG DEFIS).

## Additional information

### **Budget**

The Commission is considering a total budget of EUR 282 150 000 for the call for proposals with the following indicative overall amount of Union contribution for each funding priority ('topic'):

- EDIP-P-2026-LS-IRA-KEC: EUR 122 250 000
- EDIP-P-2026-LS-IRA-PE: EUR 152 750 000

The maximum EU contribution per funded project will not exceed the following amounts,

allowing several proposals to be funded under each topic:

- EDIP-P-2026-LS-IRA-KEC: EUR 20 000 000
- EDIP-P-2026-LS-IRA-PE: EUR 30 000 000

The Commission is considering supporting specifically any optional work packages dedicated to the reinforcement of the physical and cyber protection of the industrial capacity targeted by the action, with a maximum EU contribution of EUR 500 000 per funded project.

Depending on the number and quality of received proposals and the requested Union financial contributions, the Commission may decide to reallocate budget between topics and calls.

#### **Minimum financial size of the actions**

The minimum financial size of the action to be eligible for funding is:

- EDIP-P-2026-LS-IRA-KEC: EUR 2 000 000
- EDIP-P-2026-LS-IRA-PE: EUR 2 000 000

#### **Maximum number of legal entities forming part of the consortium**

The number of legal entities forming part of the consortium shall not exceed 15 as per Article 21(3)(c) of the Regulation (EU) 2025/2643.

#### **Form of funding, methods for determining and, where applicable, adjusting the funding**

The actions will be funded by way of grants in the form of lump sums, in the meaning of Article 125(1), subparagraphs (d) and (e) of the Financial Regulation.

The Union financial contribution per action is calculated as described in Appendix 2d.

#### **Procedure for the evaluation and selection of proposals**

See Appendix 5.

#### **Applicable award criteria and weighting**

See Appendix 6c.

## **2.5 EDIP-USI-2026-LS-IRA: 1<sup>st</sup> call for proposals for industrial reinforcement actions under the Ukraine Support Instrument**

Type of applicants targeted by the call for proposals

Any eligible entity or entities as referred to in Article 26, Article 12(2) and (3) of Regulation (EU) 2025/2643.

Description of the activities to be funded for each topic under the call for proposals, as well as of the objectives pursued and the expected results

The objectives of this call are (1) to bridge critical operational capability gaps in the areas of air defence and deep strike and (2) the recovery, reconstruction, and modernisation of the Ukrainian DTIB, with a view to increasing its defence industrial readiness, taking into account its possible future integration into the EDTIB. It is to be achieved by enhancing cross-border cooperation between the Ukrainian DTIB and the EU DTIB enabling rapid industrial reinforcement in the supply chains of some key defence products for Ukraine,

including their components and raw materials. The call consists of the following topic:

**EDIP-USI-2026-LS-IRA-MAB: Missiles, ammunition and bombs**

***Objectives pursued***

This topic aims to reinforce missiles, ammunition and bombs readiness and their sovereign component base by enabling the rapid industrial reinforcement of Member States and Ukraine for key defence product (including subcomponents) production lines:

- air defence (conventional and non-conventional) missiles and ammunition (including counter-UxS systems);
- deep strike capabilities (including long-range missiles);
- rockets, (smart) bombs and loitering munitions.

Actions shall be aligned with the objectives, scope and priorities of this call topic, and implemented as Ira under USI in line with Regulation (EU) 2025/2643. Proposals are expected to ensure **timely availability and supply of defence products for Ukraine**, by scaling production capacity and industrial readiness for **cross-border (EU-UA)** industrial set-up in the form of:

- joint filling plants and production lines;
- reinforcement of specific production capacity and enablement capacity (including integration and validation/testing of alternative control and navigation approaches, production/integration of sensing and effector modules, multi-sensor fusion integration, and dedicated assembly/test capacity/production planning to sustain high monthly volumes, as applicable);
- scale-up of UA systems and ready-to-use production lines (including rapid-cycle modular assembly and re-configuration capacity to adapt to fast-evolving threats and mission profiles);
- MaaS (Manufacturing as a Service) (including rapid small-batch production, fast line changeover, and scalable assembly/test capacity for attritable UxS output);
- dual-use heavy industry conversion options for defence surge (including surge assembly/integration, test, packaging, and supporting infrastructure as applicable).

Applicants may include an optional dedicated Work Package (WP) implementing a supporting action as defined in Article 13(d) of Regulation (EU) 2025/2643, to **reinforce the physical and cyber protection of the production capacity targeted by the action, including on security against UxS/drone-enabled threats**. The objective is to reduce the risk of disruption, sabotage or interference affecting production continuity, ramp-up and deliveries, complementing the proposal's overall risk-management approach (notably safety, supply-chain and obsolescence, industrialisation/integration, and maintainability risks) and supporting the achievement of the industrial KPIs set for lead time and capacity.

***Description of the activities***

Proposals shall implement Industrial Reinforcement Actions, in line with Regulation (EU) 2025/2643, targeting the specific defence product and production capacities listed under "Objectives pursued".

Proposals shall demonstrate the **criticality of the targeted defence product (including subcomponents)** and justify the urgency of reinforcing their availability and security of supply through the proposed industrial reinforcement activities.

Proposals shall include a **risk-management approach** commensurate with industrial ramp-up in UA (including safety and regulatory compliance for energetic materials and filling activities, supply-chain and obsolescence, industrialisation/integration, maintainability, and operational constraints), and explain how risks are mitigated to ensure timely availability and supply of defence products in UA.

Activities linked to the **physical and cyber protection WP** may include expert threat assessment, procurement, installation and initial integration of proportionate solutions as well as efforts to connect to a national or European security system for: (i) counter-UxS site protection measures (detection/alerting and other authorised protective measures), and/or (ii) cyber protection measures of production-relevant networks and systems (including monitoring, hardening and secure access) which includes obtaining the European Union Cybersecurity Certification (EUCC) schemes for products used in the IRA activity, as well as acceptance testing and operational set-up necessary for effective deployment, in order to work towards compliance with the NIS2 Directive, where applicable, and alignment with standards such as ISO/IEC 27001 and IEC 62443.

Actions shall not have started before 5 March 2024 and shall not have been completed before the signature of the Grant Agreement (GA). The duration and the starting date of the action will be set out in the GA. The action shall have an indicative duration of three to five years; in any event, it shall be completed no later than 31 December 2033.

### ***Expected results***

Projects are expected to deliver results aligned with the expected results set out in this call topic and to evidence their contribution through dedicated KPIs defined in the proposal. Expected results include:

- demonstrable and sustainable **increase in production capacity** for the targeted ammunition, bombs and missiles production lines, enabled by operational **joint filling plants and production lines**;
- measurable **reduction of production lead time** from order/production decision to delivery in UA;
- improved **timely availability and supply of defence products for UA**, including increased delivery reliability and readiness of production lines;
- effective **cross-border cooperation between UA and EU** that enables production ramp-up, qualification, integration and sustainment.

Proposals shall define, baseline and track KPIs such as: filling throughput (e.g., units/month or tonnes/month as applicable), time-to-rate, lead-time reduction, line availability/uptime, acceptance/qualification output, qualified output delivered in UA, workforce trained where relevant, and indicators evidencing risk mitigation (e.g., safety performance and compliance readiness, supply robustness and maintainability readiness).

Implementation

The actions will be implemented directly by the Directorate-General for Defence industry and Space (DG DEFIS).

#### Additional information

##### **Budget**

The Commission is considering a total budget of EUR 180 000 000 for the call for proposals.

The maximum EU contribution per funded project will not exceed EUR 30 000 000 allowing several proposals to be funded.

Depending on the number and quality of received proposals and the requested Union financial contributions, the Commission may decide to reallocate budget between calls.

The Commission is considering supporting specifically any optional work packages dedicated to the reinforcement of the physical and cyber protection of the industrial capacity targeted by the action, with a maximum EU contribution of EUR 500 000 per funded project.

##### **Minimum financial size of the actions**

The minimum financial size of the action to be eligible for funding is EUR 2 000 000.

##### **Maximum number of legal entities forming part of the consortium**

The number of legal entities forming part of the consortium shall not exceed 15 as per Article 34(3)(c) of the Regulation (EU) 2025/2643.

##### **Form of funding, methods for determining and, where applicable, adjusting the funding**

The actions will be funded by way of grants in the form of lump sums, in the meaning of Article 125(1), subparagraphs (d) and (e) of the Financial Regulation.

The Union financial contribution per action is calculated as described in Appendix 2e.

##### **Procedure for the evaluation and selection of proposals**

See Appendix 5.

##### **Applicable award criteria and weighting**

See Appendix 6d.

## **2.6 EDIP-USI-2027-LS-IRA: 2<sup>nd</sup> call for proposals for industrial reinforcement actions under the Ukraine Support Instrument**

Type of applicants targeted by the call for proposals

Any eligible entity or entities as referred to in Article 26, Article 12(2) and (3) of Regulation (EU) 2025/2643.

Description of the activities to be funded for each topic under the call for proposals, as well as of the objectives pursued and the expected results

The objectives of this call are (1) to bridge critical operational capability gaps in the area of unmanned systems and (2) the recovery, reconstruction, and modernisation of the Ukrainian DTIB, with a view to increasing its defence industrial readiness, taking into account its possible future integration into the EDTIB. It is to be achieved by enhancing cross-border

cooperation between the Ukrainian DTIB and the EU DTIB enabling rapid industrial reinforcement in the supply chains of some key defence products for Ukraine, including their components and raw materials. The call consists of the following topic:

**EDIP-USI-2027-LS-IRA-CUXS: Unmanned systems and counter-unmanned systems**

***Objectives pursued***

This topic aims to reinforce (counter-)UxSs readiness and a sovereign UxSs component base by enabling the rapid industrial reinforcement of Member States and Ukraine for key defence product (including subcomponents) production lines:

- **(swarming) UxSs** (including FPV variants, modular payload configurations, relay/repeater variants, and AI-enabled/autonomy-enabled UxS integration where relevant) and **(swarming) UxS interceptor variants** (including intercept solutions to protect critical nodes and logistics routes);
- **EW-resilient UxS variants** (including fibre-optic controlled UxS, and other GNSS-/RF-denied operational profiles);
- **counter-UxSs and EW(-resilient) supporting systems** (including counter-UxSs EW function supporting detection/characterisation, jamming/spoofing and spectrum management for friendly UxS operations, terminal navigation, optronic and radar-guided systems).

Actions shall be aligned with the objectives, scope and priorities of this call topic, and implemented as IRA under USI in line with Regulation (EU) 2025/2643. Proposals are expected to ensure **timely availability and supply of defence products in Ukraine**, by scaling production capacity and industrial readiness for **cross-border (EU-UA)** industrial set-up in the form of:

- joint production lines;
- reinforcement of specific production capacity and enablement capacity (including integration and validation/testing of alternative control and navigation approaches, production/service and maintenance capability/integration of sensing and effector modules, multi-sensor fusion integration, and dedicated assembly/test capacity/production planning to sustain high monthly volumes, as applicable);
- scale-up of UA systems and ready-to-use production lines (including rapid-cycle modular assembly and re-configuration capacity to adapt to fast-evolving threats and mission profiles);
- MaaS (Manufacturing as a Service) (including rapid small-batch production, fast line changeover, and scalable assembly/test capacity for attritable UxS output);
- dual-use heavy industry conversion options for defence surge (including surge assembly/integration, test, packaging, and supporting infrastructure as applicable).

Applicants may include an optional dedicated Work Package (WP) implementing a supporting action as defined in Article 13(d) of Regulation (EU) 2025/2643, to **reinforce the physical and cyber protection of the production capacity targeted by the action, including on security against UxS/drone-enabled threats**. The objective is to reduce the risk of disruption, sabotage or interference affecting production continuity, ramp-up and deliveries, complementing the proposal's overall risk-management approach (notably safety, supply-chain and obsolescence, industrialisation/integration, and maintainability risks) and

supporting the achievement of the industrial KPIs set for lead time and capacity.

### ***Description of the activities***

Proposals shall implement Industrial Reinforcement Actions, in line with Regulation (EU) 2025/2643, targeting the specific defence product and production capacities listed under “Objectives pursued”.

Proposals shall demonstrate the **criticality of the targeted defence product (including subcomponents)** and justify the urgency of reinforcing their availability and security of supply through the proposed industrial reinforcement activities.

Proposals shall include a **risk-management approach** commensurate with industrial ramp-up in UA (including safety, supply-chain and obsolescence, industrialisation/integration, maintainability, and operational constraints), explain how risks are mitigated to ensure timely availability and supply of defence products in UA, and shall, where relevant include provisions allowing to upgrade quickly the targeted (counter-)UxS based on the evolving lessons identified from the battlefield.

Activities linked to the **physical and cyber protection WP** may include expert threat assessment, procurement, installation and initial integration of proportionate solutions as well as efforts to connect to a national or European security system for: (i) counter-UxS site protection measures (detection/alerting and other authorised protective measures), and/or (ii) cyber protection measures of production-relevant networks and systems (including monitoring, hardening and secure access) which includes obtaining the European Union Cybersecurity Certification (EUCC) schemes for products used in the IRA activity, as well as acceptance testing and operational set-up necessary for effective deployment, in order to work towards compliance with the NIS2 Directive, where applicable, and alignment with standards such as ISO/IEC 27001 and IEC 62443.

Actions shall not have started before 5 March 2024 and shall not have been completed before the signature of the Grant Agreement (GA). The duration and the starting date of the action will be set out in the GA. The action shall have an indicative duration of three to five years; in any event, it shall be completed no later than 31 December 2033.

### ***Expected results***

Projects are expected to deliver results aligned with the expected results set out in this call topic and to evidence their contribution through dedicated KPIs defined in the proposal. Expected results include:

- demonstrable and sustainable **increase in production capacity in UA** for the targeted (counter-)UxS-related production lines;
- measurable **reduction of production lead time** from order/production decision to delivery in UA;
- improved **timely availability and supply of defence products in UA**, including increased delivery reliability and readiness of production lines;
- effective **cross-border cooperation between UA and EU** that enables production ramp-up, integration, qualification and sustainment;

- strengthened Ukrainian industrial base, and, where applicable, operationalised MaaS and dual-use heavy industry conversion pathways for surge.

Proposals shall define, baseline and track KPIs such as: production output (units/month), time-to-rate, lead-time reduction, line availability/uptime, qualified output delivered in UA, MaaS throughput, surge conversion readiness indicators, and workforce trained where relevant—alongside risk-related indicators demonstrating supply robustness and maintainability readiness.

#### Implementation

The actions will be implemented directly by the Directorate-General for Defence industry and Space (DG DEFIS).

#### Additional information

##### **Budget**

The Commission is considering a total budget of EUR 80 000 000 for the call for proposals.

The maximum EU contribution per funded project will not exceed EUR 10 000 000 allowing several proposals to be funded.

Depending on the number and quality of received proposals and the requested Union financial contributions, the Commission may decide to reallocate budget between calls.

The Commission is considering supporting specifically any optional work packages dedicated to the reinforcement of the physical and cyber protection of the industrial capacity targeted by the action, with a maximum EU contribution of EUR 200 000 per funded project.

##### **Minimum financial size of the actions**

The minimum financial size of the action to be eligible for funding is EUR 2 000 000.

##### **Maximum number of legal entities forming part of the consortium**

The number of legal entities forming part of the consortium shall not exceed 15 as per Article 34(3)(c) of the Regulation (EU) 2025/2643.

##### **Form of funding, methods for determining and, where applicable, adjusting the funding**

The actions will be funded by way of grants in the form of lump sums, in the meaning of Article 125(1), subparagraphs (d) and (e) of the Financial Regulation.

The Union financial contribution per action is calculated as described in Appendix 2e.

##### **Procedure for the evaluation and selection of proposals**

See Appendix 5.

##### **Applicable award criteria and weighting**

See Appendix 6d.

## **2.7 EDIP-P-2026-2027-FNLC-SA: Continuous call for proposals for supporting actions under the Programme**

Type of applicants targeted by the call for proposals

Any Structure for European Armament Programme (SEAP) established by a Commission implementing act.

Description of the activities to be funded for each topic under the call for proposals, as well as of the objectives pursued and the expected results

**EDIP-P-2026-2027-FNLC-SA-SEAP: Support for the functioning of SEAPs, including for the purpose of establishing, managing and maintaining defence industrial readiness pools**

***Objectives pursued***

This call aims to provide support for functioning of established SEAPs, including for the purpose of establishing, managing and maintaining defence industrial readiness pools.

***Description of the activities***

Proposals shall aim to support established SEAPs in their initial operations for a duration of at least one year.

***Expected results***

Supported SEAPs are expected to rent office space, recruit personnel and start and uphold operations for a duration of at least one year.

Implementation

The actions will be implemented directly by the Directorate-General for Defence industry and Space (DG DEFIS).

Additional information

**Budget**

The Commission is considering a total budget of EUR 10 000 000 for the call for proposals.

The maximum EU contribution per funded project will not exceed EUR 2 000 000 allowing several proposals to be funded.

Depending on the number and quality of received proposals and the requested Union financial contributions, the Commission may decide to reallocate budget between calls.

**Form of funding, methods for determining and, where applicable, adjusting the funding**

The actions will be funded by way of grants in the form of financing not linked to costs (FLNC), pursuant to Article 183(3) of the Financial Regulation.

The Union financial contribution per action is calculated as described in Appendix 2b.

**Description of the milestones, the results to be achieved and the associated amounts to be disbursed**

See Appendix 3b.

**Arrangements for the verification of the milestones, the fulfilment of conditions and the achievement of results**

See Appendix 4b.

## Procedure for the evaluation and selection of proposals

See Appendix 5.

## Applicable award criteria and weighting

See Appendix 6b.

### 2.8 EDIP-USI-2026-LS-SA-DIA-IBA: Supporting action for defence innovation actions under the Ukraine Support Instrument - Invitation-based action

Type of applicants targeted by the grant without a call for proposals (direct award):

**Innovation Development Fund**, in respect of activities with specific characteristics that require a particular type of body on account of its technical competence, its high degree of specialisation or its administrative powers, Article 198 (f) of the Financial Regulation.

#### *Justification for direct award to the Innovation Development Fund*

In respect of activities with specific characteristics that require a particular type of body on account of its technical competence, its high degree of specialisation or its administrative powers, Article 198 (f) of the Financial Regulation<sup>1</sup> provides for the possibility that grants may be awarded without a call for proposal.

Ukraine faces high demand for delivering fast defence innovation, to keep pace with the quick technological evolutions on the battlefield. Since fostering and speeding up innovation cycles on the basis of operational inputs from Ukraine is the core objective of this action, the beneficiary must have an in-depth technical competence in rapid identification of the key challenges stemming from the Ukrainian battlefield, a high degree of specialisation in launching dedicated calls aimed at facing those challenges, and have the administrative structure and competences to select and award the most appropriate and promising solutions both from Ukraine and the EU in a short period of time.

In light of these specific characteristics of the action, a direct award is rendered necessary and justified on the basis of the provisions of Article 198 (f) of the Financial Regulation. In fact, the **Innovation Development Fund**, via its implementation branch for defence projects **Brave1**, has been effectively building and managing this type of support to defence innovation since 2023.

The Innovation Development Fund is a public body operating under the Ukrainian Ministry of Digital Transformation and supporting both civilian and defence innovations. The Innovation Development Fund, via its implementation branch for defence projects Brave1, is the principal state-established Ukrainian platform and cluster for defence innovation actions, in particular via its governmental links with the Ukrainian Ministry of Digital Transformation, the Ministry of Defence, the Ministry of Economy, the Ministry of Strategic industries, the General Staff of the Armed Forces and the National Security and Defence Council.

The Innovation Development Fund is thus in the position to rapidly launch defence innovation actions and to get rapid and relevant results based on the frontline needs in Ukraine, from both the technical competence and administrative powers point of view. The

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<sup>1</sup> Regulation (EU) 2024/2509.

Innovation Development Fund has in place all the needed connections with the defence innovation ecosystem in Ukraine and has the unique technical competence to manage a high number of fast-track low-value grants, award them to a high number of individual entities and manage numerous projects simultaneously. In fact, since its foundation in 2023, the Innovation Development Fund has managed 750 grants of a total value of around EUR 80 million, to around 2 300 beneficiaries.

The direct award procedure is therefore justified on the basis of the fact that the Innovation Development Fund is a particular type of body on account of its technical competence, high degree of specialisation and administrative power necessary to ensure an effective implementation of the activities with specific characteristics described above, in line with the requirements of Article 198 (f) of the EU Financial Regulation.

Moreover, as established by Article 198 (f) of the EU Financial Regulation, the activities concerned do not fall within the scope of a call for proposals foreseen under EDIP or the USI instrument. In fact, none of the other EDIP calls for proposals has as a direct objective the support of defence innovation actions, especially in view of fostering the Ukrainian defence industrial readiness, but they are rather aimed at (i) industrial production capacity reinforcement, (ii) support to common procurement actions, (iii) support to the deployment of EDPCIs, (iv) support to the functioning of SEAPs, and (v) coordination and support actions for EDPCIs. With particular reference to USI, the calls foreseen only to cover industrial reinforcement. In light of this, this defence innovation action falls outside the scope of EDIP call for proposals.

Description of the activities to be funded without a call for proposal, justification for a direct award, description of objectives pursued and the expected results:

**EDIP-USI-2026-LS-SA-DIA-IBA: Supporting action for defence innovation actions under the Ukraine Support Instrument - Invitation-based action**

***Objectives pursued***

The goal of the action is to contribute to the recovery, reconstruction, modernisation of the Ukrainian DTIB with a view to increasing its defence industrial readiness, taking into account the Ukrainian DTIB's defence industrial reinforcement and defence procurement needs, as well as its possible future integration in the EDTIB.

More specifically, the action will support the access to the defence market of Ukrainian and EU SMEs, including start-ups, mid-caps, and the delivery of quick and concrete innovative defence solutions to the most recent and fast evolving challenges faced by the Ukrainians' armed forces. The action shall contribute to fostering the innovation capacity and responsiveness of the Ukrainian and European DTIB and to accelerating innovation cycles of critical emerging or disruptive defence products and technologies, particularly those developed by SMEs, including start-ups, and mid-caps. Moreover, the action aims at facilitating the rapid adaptation and modification of civilian products for defence applications, by integrating civilian components into defence innovation cycles.

By bringing the European and Ukrainian defence innovation ecosystems together, this action complements BraveTechEU. In particular, this complementarity will be achieved by focusing the action on upper tier-readiness levels (TRLs), a grant-scheme open to both European and Ukrainian single beneficiaries, on immediate and critical challenges faced by the Ukrainians' armed forces, and by opening up the possibility to carry out the action in Ukraine.

### *Description of the activities*

The beneficiary of the action will be directly awarded a EUR 35,3 million lump-sum grant. It will then have to launch competitive calls and award funds within maximum 2 years to the eligible third parties through financial support to third parties (FSTP), in line with the provisions of Article 207 of the EU Financial Regulation. All FSTP projects will have to be completed within 3 years and 6 months after the signature of the grant agreement between the European Commission and the Innovation Development Fund.

The beneficiary shall carry out the following activities:

- Launch of competitive calls across priority areas pre-defined in the capability areas indicated below and further specified by the Innovation Development Fund. The beneficiary will have to coordinate in this procedure with the relevant actors in Ukraine to identify the key technological challenges and priorities stemming from the Ukrainian battlefield.
- Communication efforts on the FSTP funding opportunities to both EU and UA eligible entities.
- Evaluation, selection and award of FSTP proposals.
- Management of the more than 170 FSTP awarded projects.
- Matchmaking of selected third parties with relevant actors in Ukraine for the efficient implementation of the project.
- Periodical financial and technical reporting to the European Commission.
- Creation of a non-public catalogue of funded defence solutions for authorized stakeholders. The catalogue will be available in the English and Ukrainian languages.

#### FSTP calls for proposals

The Innovation Development Fund shall issue competitive FSTP calls for proposals based on the following categories and shall refine the FSTP calls within these categories based on the most recent and fast evolving challenges faced by the Ukrainian armed forces. These categories cover both full systems and components related to:

- Air defence systems
- UxVs (UAVs, UGVs, USVs, UUVs)
- Missiles and ammunition
- Electronic warfare (EW) and signals intelligence (SIGINT)
- AI and machine learning for defence/dual use
- Navigation and Communication systems
- Future technologies (including high-power energy weapons such as lasers & microwave; exoskeletons and humanoid drones)
- Software for defence developments

The FSTP calls shall target defence solutions with an entry-TRL of 4 or plus. The Innovation Development Fund is expected to present a methodology for the evaluation of the entry- and exit-TRLs of innovative solutions funded via FSTP. The methodology will have to be agreed and detailed in the grant agreement signed between the beneficiary and the European Commission. At least 90% of projects should improve the TRL of the solution

by at least 1 level. At the moment of completion of the last project, 60% of FSTP-funded defence solutions must have an exit-TRL of 7 or above.

#### FSTP grant amounts

In respect of the fact that achieving the objectives of the action would otherwise be impossible or overly difficult, the maximum amount to be granted to each third party may reach up to EUR 200 000, in line with the provisions of Article 207 of the EU Financial Regulation. In fact, if FSTP calls meant to support the maturation of defence innovation technologies or products are limited to EUR 60 000, the action would make it overly difficult to increase the TRL of the defence solutions of at least one TRL within the upper, and more expensive, TRL ranges. This would not allow the delivery of needed innovative defence solutions to respond as quickly as possible to the most recent and fast evolving challenges faced by the Ukrainian's Armed Forces and would therefore make the achievement of the objectives of the actions – recovery, reconstruction and modernisation of the Ukrainian DTIB- impossible or overly difficult.

FSTP shall be granted in the form of lump sums.

More information on eligibility and implementation conditions of FSTP are provided in Appendix 7.

#### ***Expected results***

The outcome of the action should contribute to:

- Fostering Ukrainian defence industrial readiness, modernization and innovation capacity of the Ukraine DTIB taking into account its possible future integration into the EDTIB.
- Supporting fast-track mechanisms of defence innovation.
- Strengthening ties between the Ukrainian and EU defence innovation ecosystem, focused on rapid innovation cycles to respond to real and immediate battlefield needs.
- Embedding of Ukraine into Europe's defence innovation architecture, transforming wartime necessity into lasting European capability and readiness.
- Increasing the level of maturity of more than 170 existing innovative defence solutions.
- The development of interoperable technologies aligned with EU operational, regulatory, and industrial standards.

#### Additional information

##### **Budget**

The Commission is considering a total budget of EUR 35 300 000 for the supporting action, out of which at least 96,5% should be used for financial support to third parties (FSTP).

##### **Form of funding, methods for determining and, where applicable, adjusting the funding**

The action will be funded by way of a grant in the form of lump sum, in the meaning of Article 125(1), subparagraphs (d) and (e) of the Financial Regulation. This grant will be further distributed to third parties by the beneficiary via FSTP by way of grants in the form of lump sum. Conditions applying to FSTP are detailed in Appendix 7.

The calculation of the Union financial contribution is calculated as described in Appendix 2e.

### **Procedure for the evaluation and selection of proposals**

See Appendix 5.

### **Applicable award criteria and weighting**

See Appendix 6e.

### **Implementation of Financial Support to Third Parties (FSTP)**

The beneficiary must implement FSTP according to the description above and the conditions provided in Appendix 7.

## **2.9 EDIP-P-2026-FNLC-EDPCI: Call for proposals for the deployment of European Defence Projects of Common Interest (EDPCI) under the Programme**

Type of applicants targeted by the call for proposals

A consortium of Member States or associated countries, including at least four Member States, participating in a European Defence Project of Common Interest established by a Council implementing act, or a SEAP established by a Commission implementing act and consisting of those Member States and associated countries.

Description of the activities to be funded for each topic under the call for proposals, as well as of the objectives pursued and the expected results

### **EDIP-P-2026-FNLC-EDPCI-STA: Short term activities related to the deployment of European Defence Projects of Common Interest**

#### ***Objectives pursued***

This topic aims to kick-start the deployment of European Defence Projects of Common Interest (or parts thereof) established by a Council implementing act, in line with the objectives set out in the Council implementing act.

#### ***Description of the activities***

The deployment of an EDPCI which is eligible for Union funding shall consist only of one or more activities related to:

- (a) the common procurement of defence products;
- (b) accelerating the adjustment to structural changes of the production capacity of defence products, as well as related supporting activities;
- (c) the industrial development of new defence products or the upgrading of existing ones;
- (d) the development and procurement of necessary infrastructure.

The proposed activities shall clearly relate, contribute and integrate into the overall EDPCI as established by the Council implementing act.

The proposed activities shall demonstrate the absence of duplication of efforts with actions funded under the other parts of this work programme and under other EU programmes, including the European Defence Fund (EDF), the instrument on supporting ammunition production (ASAP) and the instrument for the reinforcement of the European defence

industry through common procurement (EDIRPA).

The proposal shall explain, for each proposed activity, what is the expected scope, outcome, timeline and milestones, the estimated financial envelope, the legal entity (e.g. procurement agent) in charge of managing the activity, the countries among those participating in the EDPCI involved in the activity and their respective role, as well as the cooperation framework in place or foreseen (e.g. LoI, MoU, contracts) to cover the activity. Where relevant, the links with SAFE plans shall be indicated.

***Expected results***

Funded actions are expected to contribute visibly to the defence readiness of the participating Member States and associated countries, as well as of the EU DTIB and the Union at large, against the most pressing threats.

Implementation

The actions will be implemented directly by the Directorate-General for Defence industry and Space (DG DEFIS).

Additional information

**Budget**

The Commission is considering a total budget of EUR 300 000 000 for the call for proposals.

*Further details as required by article 21(3) of Regulation (EU) 2025/2643 will be provided at a later stage.*

**2.10 EDIP-P-2026-FNLC-CSA: Call for proposals for coordination and support actions under the Programme**

Type of applicants targeted by the call for proposals

A consortium of at least four Member States or associated countries participating in a European Defence Project of Common Interest established by a Council implementing act, or a SEAP established by a Commission implementing act and consisting of those Member States and associated countries.

Description of the activities to be funded for each topic under the call for proposals, as well as of the objectives pursued and the expected results

**EDIP-P-2026-FNLC-CSA-EDPCI: Coordination and support action for developing the long-term implementation roadmap of a European Defence Project of Common Interest, including its governance**

***Objective pursued***

This topic aims to support preliminary activities required for the future deployment of European Defence Projects of Common Interest.

***Description of the activities***

The action aims at conducting all preparatory activities necessary prior to the deployment (or further deployment) of the EDPCI during the next Multiannual Financial Framework (2028-

2034). For that purpose, the action shall deliver, by end of 2027, a first version of the EDPCI roadmap, addressing the deployment activities to be initiated between 2028 and 2030, and, at the latest by the end of 2029, the full EDPCI deployment ‘roadmap’. The roadmaps shall detail:

- the list and description of all activities (including those referred to in article 35(8) of Regulation (EU) 2025/2643<sup>2</sup>) to be performed and their associated expected outcome, cost estimates (including expected EU financial support), milestone and planning;
- the state of play of each of these activities (e.g. on-going, to be launched) and how they take into account existing or on-going projects, including those financially supported by EU programmes (e.g. EDF, other EDIP actions, Horizon Europe, EU Space programme, Connecting European facility, Digital Europe Programme);
- the countries among those participating in the EDPCI that would participate in each of the identified activities and their respective responsibility;
- the legal entity (e.g. procurement agent) identified to be in charge of managing each of the identified activities;
- the cooperation framework in place or foreseen (e.g. LoI, MoU, contracts) to cover these activities;
- how those activities will articulate (timely, technically) to deliver on the individual components of the EDPCI and on the EDPCI as a whole.

The activities carried out under this topic may be supported by studies where relevant.

All countries participating in the established EDPCI should be involved in the action, even though not necessarily as members of the consortium. The European Defence Agency may be associated to the action without receiving funding. The proposals shall explain which organisation and governance will be set up to carry out the activities under the proposed action.

### ***Expected results***

Funded actions are expected to inform the discussions of the Programme Committee on the programming of the relevant proposed EU programme under the next multiannual financial framework. They shall therefore deliver by end of 2027, a first version of the EDPCI roadmap, addressing the deployment activities to be initiated between 2028 and 2030, and, at the latest by the end of 2029, the full EDPCI deployment ‘roadmap’. The outcome of the funded actions will not commit the Commission to provide the expected EU contribution under the next multiannual financial framework 2028-2034.

## Implementation

The actions will be implemented directly by the Directorate-General for Defence industry and Space (DG DEFIS).

## Additional information

<sup>2</sup> (a) the common procurement of defence products; (b) accelerating the adjustment to structural changes of the production capacity of defence products, as well as related supporting activities; (c) the industrial development of new defence products or the upgrading of existing ones; (d) the development and procurement of necessary infrastructure.

## **Budget**

The Commission is considering a total budget of EUR 25 000 000 for the call for proposals.

*Further details as required by article 21(3) of Regulation (EU) 2025/2643 will be provided at a later stage.*

### **3. Procurement**

The global budgetary envelope reserved for procurement contracts in 2026-2027 is EUR 4 300 000.

#### **3.1 EDIP-P-2026-SA-SME: Supporting actions under the Programme to facilitate access to the defence market for SMEs, mid-caps and start-ups and support to obtain the necessary quality and production certifications**

General description of the contracts envisaged, including the objectives pursued and expected results

##### **EDIP-P-2026-SA-SME-CO: Communication and outreach**

###### ***Objectives pursued***

The objective is to support communication and outreach activities on EDIP and other EU-funded activities in the defence industrial domain, focused on but not limited to SMEs.

###### ***General description of the contract***

The contract shall cover all communication and outreach activities decided by DG DEFIS. This can include, but is not limited to:

- Production of communication material
- Organisation of at least one outreach event (including creation of an online registration platform, an online conference website, the booking of a venue etc.)
- Marketing and communicating on EDIP outcomes and successes

###### ***Expected results***

Overall, the communication and outreach shall contribute to increasing awareness within the EDTIB, especially for SMEs, about the funding opportunities that the European Union provides in the defence domain, especially under EDIP, and fostering understanding of the required steps and expertise to enter the defence market for European companies not engaged in defence. The procurement contract(s) for communication and outreach shall respond to DG DEFIS' specific needs outlined in the call(s) for tender. The final product may vary depending on the needs, but can include visuals, a website, an event etc.

### **Implementation**

The actions will be implemented directly by the Directorate-General for Defence industry and Space (DG DEFIS).

### **Additional information**

## **Budget**

The Commission is considering a total budget of EUR 500 000 for the calls for tenders with the following indicative overall amount of Union contribution for each contract:

- EDIP-P-2026-SA-SME-CO: EUR 500 000

#### **Procedure for the evaluation and selection of proposals**

The procedure will be defined in the Call for tender.

#### **Applicable award criteria and weighting**

The tender will be selected based on its quality / price ratio.

The three following award criteria will be used to assess the quality of the tender:

- 1) objectives,
- 2) expected results, and
- 3) quality and efficiency of implementation.

More details and award criteria weighting will be provided in the call for tender.

### **3.2 EDIP-P-2026-SA-CBTRUP: Supporting actions under the Programme to support capacity-building, training, reskilling or upskilling of personnel**

General description of the contracts envisaged, including the objectives pursued and expected results

#### **EDIP-P-2026-SA-CBTRUP-DTP: Defence Talent Platform**

##### ***Objectives pursued***

The objectives of the EU Defence Talent platform are as follows:

- Increasing the visibility of jobs in the defence industry for graduates and young professionals.
- Incentivise talent to pursue a career in defence.
- Improve access to talent for defence startups, scaleups, SMEs and small mid-caps.

##### ***General description of the contract***

The EU Defence Talent Platform will be an online platform advertising entry-level jobs and internships/traineeships in defence companies. It will also provide vouchers to individuals for internships/traineeships in defence SMEs, startups, scaleups and small mid-caps.

The online platform will include a job listings page, advertising entry-level jobs and internships/traineeships in defence companies, on which applicants can filter based on criteria such as sector, company size, or job type. The platform could also include other pages such as advice on preparing interviews, links to defence-related newsletters, links to education providers, including online EU academies of relevance to security and defence, a defence news hub, etc.

Only internships/traineeships lasting between three months and one year, in EU- or Norway-based SMEs (including startups and scaleups) and small mid-caps active in defence, would be eligible for funding.

An incentive could be introduced in the voucher scheme to encourage cross-border access to talent, to incentivise voucher applicants to undertake traineeships outside of their home

Member State. However, the voucher scheme would not be limited to cross-border internships.

With a €1 million voucher budget, and a duration-based pricing model (EUR 1000 for less than 6 months and EU 2 000 for 6 months or more) between 200-500 internships could be supported. Alternative pricing models, including adjusting voucher values based on the host country's cost of living, could be considered to optimise the number of internships supported.

### ***Expected results***

Quantitative (straightforward to measure):

- Between 200-500 internships.

Qualitative (to be measured with a survey of companies/individuals):

- Improve access to talent for defence startups, scaleups, SMEs and small mid-caps.
- Enhance accessibility to defence sector careers for students and young graduates.
- Attract more talent towards the defence sector.

### **Implementation**

The action will be implemented through public procurement (contractor).

To that end, a call for tender for a Framework Contract (FwC) will be published.

Indicative timeline:

- January to March 2026: definition of requirements for the call for tender for a FwC.
- March 2026: publication of call for tender for a FwC.
- May to September 2026: evaluation
- Q4 2026: FwC signature, contractor starts developing the platform.
- Q4 2026: launch of platform.

The contractor will be responsible for:

- Building and managing the online platform (IT tool).
- Designing and managing, under the supervision and final approval of the Commission, the evaluation process of vouchers applications.

### **Additional information**

#### **Budget**

The Commission is considering a total budget of EUR 1 600 000 for the call for tenders.

#### **Procedure for the evaluation and selection of proposals**

The procedure will be defined in the Call for tender.

#### **Applicable award criteria and weighting**

The tender will be selected based on its quality / price ratio.

The three following award criteria will be used to assess the quality of the tender:

- 1) objectives,

- 2) expected results, and
- 3) quality and efficiency of implementation.

More details and award criteria weighting will be provided in the call for tender.

### **3.3 EDIP-P-2026-SA-CTSA: Coordination and technical support actions under the Programme**

General description of the contracts envisaged, including the objectives pursued and expected results

#### **EDIP-P-2026-SA-CTSA-OTH: Other coordination and technical support activities**

##### ***Objectives pursued***

The objectives pursued by technical support activities are to strengthen the crisis preparedness, response, and decision-making capacity.

##### ***General description of the contract***

The technical support activities have to support the activities of the Commission services, including and where necessary by assessment of criticality, substitutability and supply chain vulnerabilities, by detecting dependencies and anticipating shortages during emergencies; by collecting and analysing data from publicly available resources; harmonising and standardising data sets to ensure comparability; by facilitating identification of bottlenecks and model disruption scenarios. This also covers procurement of commercially available data as well as studies, including for developing concepts for stockpiling of raw-materials and re-distribution of those stockpiles into the market, including evaluating future opportunities of addressing these activities in the proposed European Competitiveness Fund.

##### ***Expected results***

The expected result is reliable, consolidated and actionable intelligence on critical products and supply chains, allowing to prevent, mitigate, and respond effectively to crises.

#### Implementation

The actions will be implemented directly by the Directorate-General for Defence industry and Space (DG DEFIS).

#### Additional information

##### **Budget**

The Commission is considering a total budget of EUR 1 500 000 for the calls for tenders.

##### **Procedure for the evaluation and selection of proposals**

The procedure will be defined in the call for tender.

##### **Applicable award criteria and weighting**

The tenders will be selected based on its quality / price ratio.

The three following award criteria will be used to assess the quality of the tenders:

- 1) objectives,
- 2) expected results, and
- 3) quality and efficiency of implementation.

More details and award criteria weighting will be provided in the call for tender.

### **3.4 EDIP-USI-2026-SA-SME: Supporting actions under the Ukraine Support Instrument to promote USI funding opportunities and facilitate access to the defence market to SMEs, mid-caps and start-ups**

General description of the contracts envisaged, including the objectives pursued and expected results

#### **EDIP-USI-2026-SA-SME-CO: Communication and outreach activities under USI**

##### ***Objectives pursued***

Communication and outreach activities for EU and UA industries to network, advertise EDIP funding opportunities and activities, especially for SMEs, mid-caps and startups and promote the integration of UDTIB and EDTIB.

##### ***General description of the contract***

Call for tenders and procurement contracts to be launched and managed by DG DEFIS.

##### ***Expected results***

- Organisation of an EU-UA Defence industries forum
- Coordination on the Drone Alliance including industrial reinforcement aspects of USI-IRA
- Communication activities on USI at various Ukraine events and forums

#### Implementation

The actions will be implemented directly by the Directorate-General for Defence industry and Space (DG DEFIS).

#### Additional information

##### **Budget**

The Commission is considering a total budget of EUR 700 000 for the calls for tenders.

##### **Procedure for the evaluation and selection of proposals**

The procedure will be defined in the Call for tender.

##### **Applicable award criteria and weighting**

The tender will be selected based on its quality / price ratio.

The three following award criteria will be used to assess the quality of the tender: 1) objectives, 2) expected results, and 3) quality and efficiency of implementation. More details

and award criteria weighting will be provided in the call for tender.

#### **4. Actions implemented in indirect management**

##### **4.1 EDIP-P-2026-CA-SA-3IFIMS: Supporting action under the Programme for activities to increase interoperability and interchangeability or to facilitate the implementation of military standards**

Implementing entity

The European Defence Agency (EDA). As the pillar-assessed organisation of European defence experts that is also managing the European Network of National Security Authorities on Ammunition and has many years of experience in working with Member States on these technical issues, the EDA is best placed to manage a project on harmonisation of national ammunition qualification processes.

Description of the entrusted tasks, including the objectives pursued and expected results

##### **EDIP-P-2026-CA-SA-3IFIMS-JAQ: Joint Ammunition Qualification**

###### ***Objectives pursued***

The project ambition is to initiate the harmonisation of national ammunition qualification requirements among participating Member States<sup>3</sup>, to thus contribute significantly to reaching mutual recognition of ammunition certificates and cross-certification and to establish the foundations for a European ammunition qualification and certification system and thereby reducing duplication, increasing competitiveness of the EDTIB and reducing market entry barriers for European ammunition manufacturers.

###### ***Description of the entrusted tasks***

Based on participating Member States' requirements, the EDA will ensure the timely availability of required services to facilitate the harmonisation efforts, including a mapping exercise, secured workshops, and joint tests. By default, EDA will launch calls for proposals to consortia of Member States according to Regulation (EU) 2025/2643 to secure access to testing facilities, provision the necessary ammunition, and so on. Should the participating Member States advise that external support is required as a required service cannot be provided by Member States/Norway, for example due to capacity limitations or availability, EDA has the option of launching calls for tenders instead.

Activities supported under this project are determined by the participating Member States and may comprise but are not limited to:

- Provisioning of the 155mm test ammunition for all participating Member States
- Provisioning, preparation and conditioning of the required testing facilities including machinery, testing instruments and consumables for all four components of a 155mm artillery ammunition (fuze, charge, projectile, primer): experimental/testing shooting range for artillery, chemical laboratories, ammunition workshops, shakers, climate chambers, drop towers, etc.

<sup>3</sup> Participating Member States refers for the purposes of this description also to associated countries that choose to participate.

- Ensuring safety and security of all testing facilities according to participating Member States' requirements, including safety insurance.
- Providing secure transport and storage for participating Member States' weapon systems to/at the testing facilities according to Member States' requirements
- Providing secure transport and storage for the test ammunition to/at the testing facilities according to participating Member States' requirements
- Provisioning of secure location(s) for classified discussions and storage of classified documents for the harmonisation exercise and the additional workshops
- Organisation of six secure, in-person workshops per year (including firing test) to support the harmonisation per Member States' requirements
- Contractor support to support EDA with focus on the harmonisation exercise, the landscaping of qualification procedures and existing 155mm artillery systems and ammunition types in the EU and Norway and the validation of the results.

The exact scope will be determined by participating Member States.

### ***Expected results***

With this project, the urgent and critical harmonisation of ammunition qualification requirements and procedures among Member States will make a significant step forward.

A direct outcome will be the establishment of a European Ammunition Qualification Procedure for 155mm that can be generalised for other ammunition types.

Thereby, the project will create the necessary foundations for a future European ammunition qualification and certification system.

### Additional information

#### **Budget**

The Commission is considering a total budget of EUR 50 000 000 for the supporting action, including up to EUR 1 560 000 per year for the duration of the project (4 years), i.e. up to EUR 6 300 000 for the remuneration of the implementing entity.

#### **Form of funding, methods for determining and, where applicable, adjusting the funding**

To be determined by the implementing entity based on a Contribution Agreement.

#### **Description of the milestones, the results to be achieved and the associated amounts to be disbursed**

To be determined by the implementing entity based on a Contribution Agreement.

#### **Arrangements for the verification of the milestones, the fulfilment of conditions and the achievement of results**

To be determined by the implementing entity based on a Contribution Agreement.

#### **Procedure for the evaluation and selection of proposals**

To be determined by the implementing entity based on a Contribution Agreement.

#### **Applicable award criteria and weighting**

To be determined by the implementing entity based on a Contribution Agreement.

## 4.2 Fund Accelerating Defence Supply Chains Transformation (FAST)

Implementing entity

*See section 5.1*

Description of the entrusted tasks, including the objectives pursued and expected results

*See section 5.1*

Additional information

*See section 5.1*

### 5. Contribution to blending facilities or platforms

The overall budgetary allocation reserved for blending facilities in 2026-2027 is EUR 100 000 000.

#### 5.1. Guarantee to a Fund Accelerating Defence Supply Chains Transformation (FAST) contributing to the “Defence Equity Facility 2.0” - blending arrangement under InvestEU

Amount allocated to the blending facility or platform

EUR 100 000 000

Description, including the objectives pursued and expected results

##### ***Objectives pursued***

The objective of the FAST guarantee support (set up as an InvestEU blending arrangement) is to provide equity support to SMEs (including start-ups and scale-ups) and small midcaps across the Union, in order to leverage, de-risk and accelerate investments needed by these companies to increase their defence manufacturing capacities. It will support entities established in the Union or in an associated country, which are industrialising or manufacturing defence products or have imminent plans to do so; or which are part of the Union’s defence supply chains or have imminent plans to become part of it.

##### ***Description***

FAST will build on the Defence Equity Facility (DEF), and complement it, by focusing its support on companies in their growth stages. While FAST will follow a similar investment logic than the DEF, i.e. intermediated equity support, it will leverage additional financial resources by contributing to a fund-of-funds (named “Defence Equity Facility 2.0”) managed by the European Investment Fund, receiving financial contributions from the European

Investment Bank and Member States, with a target size of at least EUR 1 billion.

The amount committed by the Commission to guarantee FAST will cover partially investments made by the EIF into eligible financial sub-intermediaries through the fund-of-funds, which will invest at least two times the amount drawn down from the EIF into eligible SMEs and midcaps (final recipients), as set out under FAST. Eligible financial sub-intermediaries may be private equity funds, venture capital funds, private debt funds or infrastructure funds established in the EU or countries associated to EDIP. FAST will support funds having a predominant investment thesis in the area of defence and providing growth stage financing to final recipients. For transactions of at least EUR 10 million, final recipients shall meet the limitations set out in the Investment guidelines of the InvestEU fund for strategic investments in the area of defence<sup>4</sup>. Financial sub-intermediaries will be selected through a Call for Expression of Interest which will be published by the EIF once the fund-of-funds is launched.

The FAST guarantee will support the development, industrialisation or manufacturing of defence technologies or products, in the priority defence capability areas identified by Member States<sup>5</sup> and in the White Paper on European Defence – Readiness 2030<sup>6</sup> (while complying with EIB Group excluded activities):

- air and missile defence systems,
- drones and counter-drone systems,
- military mobility including counter-mobility,
- artificial intelligence, quantum, cyber and electronic warfare,
- strategic enablers and critical infrastructure protection, including but not limited to C4ISTAR systems, secure communications assets, space assets and services,
- ground combat capabilities and their support systems,
- maritime capabilities, including surface and underwater capabilities.

### ***Expected results***

The EDIP guarantee to FAST will stimulate the development of an ecosystem of private funds in the EU or associated countries investing in the development and manufacturing of defence technologies and products. By increasing the availability of capital in the EU, it will improve access to finance for European defence SMEs and small midcaps in the defence sector, notably access to growth financing, and strengthen the security of supply of the Union's defence industry value chains.

## **Implementation**

FAST will be implemented by the European Investment Fund (EIF), through blending

<sup>4</sup> [Delegated regulation - EU - 2025/1774 - EN - EUR-Lex](#)

<sup>5</sup> [European Council conclusions on European defence, 6 March 2025 - Consilium](#)

<sup>6</sup> [ReArm Europe Plan/Readiness 2030](#)

operation(s) offering equity support under the SMEW RIDW Joint Equity Product of the InvestEU fund, in accordance with Title X of the Financial Regulation, the InvestEU Regulation<sup>7</sup> and Investment Guidelines of the InvestEU Fund<sup>8</sup>.

Entities participating in the blending facility or platform

Implementing partner (EIF), financial (sub-)intermediaries and final recipients.

## 6. *Other actions or expenditure*

### 6.1 External expertise and audits

Amount

EUR 486 000

Description, including the objectives pursued and expected results

Recruitment of external expertise necessary for the evaluation of proposals submitted following the EDIP/IRA calls for proposals: contracts of remunerated experts referred to in Article 242 of the Financial Regulation.

Implementation

The actions will be implemented directly by the Directorate-General for Defence industry and Space (DG DEFIS).

### 6.2 Establishment of the European Military Sales Catalogue

Amount

EUR 1 000 000

Description, including the objectives pursued and expected results

The objective is to design, develop, deploy and operate a secure online platform with a view to increasing the visibility, accessibility, and adoption of innovative defence technologies and products manufactured by the EDTIB (and the UA DTIB) as well as those funded under the European Defence Fund (EDF). The platform will serve as a centralised digital marketplace to showcase EU-supported defence solutions and facilitate potential procurement of these technologies and products.

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<sup>7</sup> [Regulation - 2021/523 - EN - EUR-Lex](#)

<sup>8</sup> [Delegated regulation - 2021/1078 - EN - EUR-Lex](#)

[Delegated regulation - EU - 2025/1774 - EN - EUR-Lex](#)

## Implementation

The action will be implemented by the Commission services (directly or through an existing Framework Contract) in the form of a public procurement.

## Appendix 1: Budget breakdown for the actions under the work programme 2026-2027

Union actions	Total budget appropriations in 2026 and 2027 (in EUR)				
	The Programme		The Ukraine Support Instrument		TOTAL
	2026	2027	2026	2027	2026-2027
- Grants implemented under direct management	369 400 000	647 000 000	147 650 000	147 650 000	1 311 700 000
<u>Call EDIP-P-2026-FNLC-CPA:</u> <u>1st call for proposals for common procurement actions under the Programme</u>	<u>90 000 000</u>	-	-	-	<u>90 000 000</u>
Topic EDIP-P-2026-FNLC-CPA-CDS: Counter-drone systems	30 000 000	-	-	-	30 000 000
Topic EDIP-P-2026-FNLC-CPA-AMEW: Ammunition, missiles and other explosive weapons	60 000 000	-	-	-	60 000 000
<u>Call EDIP-P-2027-FNLC-CPA:</u> <u>2nd call for proposals for common procurement actions under the Programme</u>	-	<u>150 000 000</u>	-	-	<u>150 000 000</u>
Topic EDIP-P-2027-FNLC-CPA-AMDS: Air and missile defence systems	-	60 000 000	-	-	60 000 000
Topic EDIP-P-2027-FNLC-CPA-GNPS: Ground and naval platforms and systems	-	60 000 000	-	-	60 000 000
Topic EDIP-P-2027-FNLC-CPA-C5ISRS: C5ISR and other space-related products	-	30 000 000	-	-	30 000 000
<u>Call EDIP-P-2026-LS-IRA:</u> <u>1st call for proposals for industrial reinforcement actions under the Programme</u>	<u>166 400 000</u>	-	-	-	<u>166 400 000</u>
Topic EDIP-P-2026-LS-IRA-EC: Energetic components	166 400 000	-	-	-	166 400 000
<u>Call EDIP-P-2027-LS-IRA:</u> <u>2nd call for proposals for industrial reinforcement actions under the Programme</u>	<u>108 500 000</u>	<u>166 500 000</u>	-	-	<u>275 000 000</u>
Topic EDIP-P-2027-LS-IRA-KEC: Key electronic components	45 750 000	76 500 000	-	-	122 250 000
Topic EDIP-P-2027-LS-IRA-PE: Platforms and end-products	62 750 000	90 000 000	-	-	152 750 000
<u>Call EDIP-USI-2026-LS-IRA:</u> <u>1st call for proposals for industrial reinforcement actions under the Ukraine Support Instrument</u>	-	-	<u>90 000 000</u>	<u>90 000 000</u>	<u>180 000 000</u>

Union actions	Total budget appropriations in 2026 and 2027 (in EUR)				
	The Programme		The Ukraine Support Instrument		TOTAL
	2026	2027	2026	2027	2026-2027
<i>Topic EDIP-USI-2026-LS-IRA-MAB: Missiles, ammunition and bombs</i>	-	-	90 000 000	90 000 000	180 000 000
<i>Call EDIP-USI-2027-LS-IRA: 2nd call for proposals for industrial reinforcement actions under the Ukraine Support Instrument</i>	-	-	22 350 000	57 650 000	80 000 000
<i>Topic EDIP-USI-2027-LS-IRA-CUXS: Unmanned systems and counter-unmanned systems</i>	-	-	22 350 000	57 650 000	80 000 000
<i>Call EDIP-P-2026-2027-FNLC-SA: Continuous call for proposals for supporting actions under the Programme</i>	-	10 000 000	-	-	10 000 000
<i>Topic EDIP-P-2026-2027-FNLC-SA-SEAP: Support for the functioning of SEAPs, including for the purpose of establishing, managing and maintaining defence industrial readiness pools</i>	-	10 000 000	-	-	10 000 000
<i>EDIP-USI-2026-LS-SA-DIA-IBA: Supporting actions for defence innovation actions under the Ukraine Support Instrument – invitation-based action</i>	-	-	35 300 000	-	35 300 000
<i>Call EDIP-P-2026-FNLC-EDPCI: Call for proposals for the deployment of European Defence Projects of Common Interest (EDPCI) under the Programme</i>	-	300 000 000	-	-	300 000 000
<i>Topic EDIP-P-2026-FNLC-EDPCI-STA: Short term activities related to the deployment of European Defence Projects of Common Interest</i>	-	300 000 000	-	-	300 000 000
<i>Call EDIP-P-2026-FNLC-CSA: Call for proposals for coordination and support actions under the Programme</i>	4 500 000	20 500 000	-	-	25 000 000
<i>Topic EDIP-P-2026-FNLC-CSA-EDPCI: Coordination and support action for developing the long-term implementation roadmap of a European Defence Project of Common Interest, including its governance</i>	4 500 000	20 500 000	-	-	25 000 000
- Procurement implemented under direct management	3 000 000	600 000	350 000	350 000	4 300 000

Union actions	Total budget appropriations in 2026 and 2027 (in EUR)				
	The Programme		The Ukraine Support Instrument		TOTAL
	2026	2027	2026	2027	2026-2027
<u>EDIP-P-2026-SA-SME:</u> <i>Supporting actions under the Programme to facilitate access to the defence market for SMEs, mid-caps and start-ups and support to obtain the necessary quality and production certifications</i>	500 000	-	-	-	500 000
EDIP-P-2026-SA-SME-CO: <i>Communication and outreach</i>	500 000	-	-	-	500 000
<u>EDIP-P-2026-SA-CBTRUP:</u> <i>Supporting actions under the Programme to support capacity-building, training, reskilling or upskilling of personnel</i>	1 000 000	600 000	-	-	1 600 000
EDIP-P-2026-SA-CBTRUP-DTP: <i>Defence Talent Platform</i>	1 000 000	600 000	-	-	1 600 000
<u>EDIP-P-2026-SA-CTSA:</u> <i>Coordination and technical support actions under the Programme</i>	1 500 000	-	-	-	1 500 000
EDIP-P-2026-SA-CTSA-OTH: <i>Other coordination and technical support activities</i>	1 500 000	-	-	-	1 500 000
<u>EDIP-USI-2026-SA-SME</u>	-	-	350 000	350 000	700 000
EDIP-USI-2026-SA-SME-CO	-	-	350 000	350 000	700 000
- Actions implemented under indirect management	33 000 000	17 000 000	-	-	50 000 000
<u>EDIP-P-2026-CA-SA-3IFIMS:</u> <i>Supporting action under the Programme for activities to increase interoperability and interchangeability or to facilitate the implementation of military standards</i>	33 000 000	17 000 000	-	-	50 000 000
EDIP-P-2026-CA-SA-3IFIMS-JAQ: <i>Joint Ammunition Qualification</i>	33 000 000	17 000 000	-	-	50 000 000
- Contribution to blending facilities	50 000 000	50 000 000	-	-	100 000 000
FAST: Fund Accelerating Defence Supply Chains Transformation	50 000 000	50 000 000	-	-	100 000 000
- Other actions	1 099 000	387 000	-	-	1 486 000
External expertise and audits	99 0000	387 000	-	-	486 000

Union actions	Total budget appropriations in 2026 and 2027 (in EUR)				
	The Programme		The Ukraine Support Instrument		TOTAL
	2026	2027	2026	2027	2026-2027
<i>Establishment of the European Military Sales Catalogue</i>	1 000 000	-	-	-	1 000 000
<b>TOTAL</b>	456 499 000	714 987 000	148 000 000	148 000 000	1 467 486 000
	1 171 486 000		296 000 000		

## **Appendix 2a: Methods for determining and, where applicable, adjusting the EU financial contribution for common procurement actions (CPA) under the Programme**

Article 20 of Regulation (EU) 2025/2643 establishes the use of funding not linked to costs for the grants financed under CPA and the basis for calculation of the level of Union contribution attributed to each action.

The financial contribution shall be established taking into consideration the collaborative nature of the common procurement and the need to create the incentive effect necessary to induce cooperation. Regulation (EU) 2025/2643 also provides incentives for procurement of a higher value and the inclusion of additional Member States or associated countries in an existing cooperation.

The payments should be based on the achievement of results and fulfillment of relevant conditions by reference to milestones or targets of the common procurement process in order to create the necessary incentive effect. The work will be structured in work packages and achievements will be established through the review and acceptance of deliverables. Payment requests will be possible at the end of each reporting period, considering the completion of work packages and in accordance with the grant agreement conditions.

### **Calculation of the union contribution (maximum grant amount)**

The calculation of the Union contribution amount for each grant will be done following the provisions in Regulation (EU) 2025/2643, determining a baseline percentage plus a set of additional incentives (bonuses) as follows:

- A baseline allocation of up to 15% of the estimated value of the common procurement contract concerned; and
- A bonus allocation of up to 10% of the estimated value of the common procurement contract concerned.

The total amount can reach up to 25% of the estimated value of the common procurement contract concerned, as defined in the grant agreement, with a EUR 20 million cap as indicated in the call text<sup>9</sup>.

The minimum estimated value of a common procurement contract may vary across the proposals under the CPA calls. Consequently, the union financial contribution will be adjusted proportionally in accordance with the actual value of the common procurement, while respecting the 25% ceiling of the Union contribution. Considering that only procurement contracts with a value of EUR 20 million or above are eligible, contracts below this threshold shall not be eligible. Thus:

- For common procurement values from EUR 20 million up to EUR 80 million included, the Union contribution will be calculated proportionally, applying the same baseline and bonus structure up to the maximum 25% contribution rate.
- For common procurement values above EUR 80 million, the Union contribution will be set at a maximum of EUR 20 million equalling to the cap at the call text level, the 25% will be split into EUR 12 million for the baseline (corresponding to the 15%) and EUR 8 million for the bonuses (corresponding to the 10%).

To reach the 25% contribution the following steps are envisaged:

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<sup>9</sup> This is based on a minimum estimated contract value for common procurement of EUR 80 million, thus leading to a EUR 20 million cap equalling to 25% of the value of the procurement contract.

### **STEP 1: Establishing the baseline for the Union contribution not linked to costs:**

The baseline Union contribution amount for the action will be calculated taking into account:

- The complexity of the common procurement, for which a proportion of the estimated value of the common procurement contract and the experience gained in similar actions serve as an initial proxy (Article 20 (2) (a) of Regulation (EU) 2025/2643);

The degree of complexity of the common procurement is assessed primarily on the basis of the estimated value of the common procurement contract and the number of participating Member States and associated countries to the common procurement contract. These two subfactors are considered appropriate proxies for complexity, as higher procurement values and higher number of participating Member States and associated countries entail more demanding coordination requirements, governance arrangements, legal interfaces, and implementation challenges. Therefore, these 2 elements will be taken into consideration for the assessment of the complexity of the procurement.

<b>Baseline element</b>	<b>Basis in Regulation (EU) 2025/2643</b>	<b>Baseline amount</b>
a) Estimated value of the common procurement contract as provided in the grant agreement	Article 20 (2) (a)	10% of the value of the procurement contract as estimated in the grant agreement, with a ceiling at EUR 8 million
b) Number of Member States and associated countries participating beyond the minimum number indicated in the Call (i.e. 3)	Article 20 (2) (d)	An additional 0.75% of the value of the procurement contract shall be applied for each Member State and associated country above three, up to a maximum of 5.00% of the value of the procurement contract as estimated in the grant agreement, subject to an overall ceiling of EUR 4 million.

For procurement contracts equal or above 80 million, if all conditions are fulfilled, the baseline will reach EUR 12 million.

### **STEP 2: Establishing the bonuses for the Union contribution not linked to costs amount based on incentives**

For the bonus, the following elements included in the proposal for a grant agreement will be assessed to complement the baseline amount calculated in step 1:

Incentive element	Basis in Regulation (EU) 2025/2643	Bonus amount
c) Ukraine or Moldova are one of the recipients of additional quantities of defence products in the common procurement action.	Article 20 (5) (c)	If Ukraine and/or Moldova receive 5% of the value of the common procurement contract, bonus of 5% of value of the procurement contract as estimated in the grant agreement, with a ceiling at EUR 4 million
d) More than 20% of the total value of the common procurement value is made by suppliers established in at least 1 Member State other than the one where the prime is established as provided by the grant agreement	Article 20 (5) (d)	3.75% of value of the procurement contract as estimated in the grant agreement, with a ceiling at EUR 3 million
e) Action carried out by a Structure for European Armament Programme (SEAP)	Article 20 (5) (a)	1.25% of value of the procurement contract as estimated in the grant agreement, with a ceiling at EUR 1 million

For procurement contracts equal or above EUR 80 million, if all three conditions are fulfilled, the bonuses will reach EUR 8 million.

### **Payment of the Union contribution and possible reduction of the contribution**

The payment of the Union contribution is linked to milestones and the fulfillment of relevant conditions. If the conditions to be met are not fulfilled, the amount of Union contribution may be reduced. In particular, the baseline amount will be recalculated:

- If the actual value of the common procurement implemented is less than the estimated value set out in the grant agreement (see the table below for the applied incremental reduction).
- If the number of Member States participating in the common procurement is less than what was indicated in the grant agreement (see the table below for the applied reduction).

The bonuses will also be reduced or cancelled if the corresponding conditions are not fulfilled during implementation of the action (see details in the table below).

The recalculation of the Union contribution will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

Condition to be verified	Milestone	Maximum reduction if the condition is not fulfilled
a) Estimated value of the common procurement contract as provided in the grant agreement	M3 and M4	<p>The value of the common procurement is less than the estimated value of the common procurement as provided in the grant agreement:</p> <p>80% or above: no reduction</p> <p>From 70 up to 80% excluded: 20% reduction of the allocated baseline granted for this factor.</p> <p>From 60 up to 70% excluded: 30% reduction of the allocated baseline granted for this factor.</p> <p>Less than 60%: recovery request</p>
b) Additional number of Member States or associated countries participating beyond the minimum	M3 and M4	<p>If the number of additional Member States or associated countries justifying the granted baseline amount is not met, the amount will be recalculated based on the actual number of additional Member States or associated countries participating to the procurement contract.</p>
c) Additional quantities for Ukraine and Moldova	M1, M3 and M4	<p>100% of the corresponding bonus allocation if the value of the additional quantities of the defence products sent to Ukraine or Moldova are less than 5% of the value of the common procurement contract.</p>
d) The involvement of suppliers established in at least one other Member State other than the prime is located	M2, M3, and M4	<p>100% of the corresponding bonus allocation, if the involvement is below 20% of the total cost of common procurement.</p>
e) Action carried out by a SEAP	M4	<p>100% of the corresponding bonus allocation if the SEAP is not established by the end of the action.</p>

**Appendix 2b: Methods for determining and, where applicable, adjusting the EU financial contribution for supporting actions (SA) and coordination and support actions (CSA) under the Programme**

1. Supporting action (SA)

The calculation of the Union contribution amount for each grant will follow the provisions in Regulation (EU) 2025/2643, for this specific action the selected form of the EU financial contribution is not linked to costs.

The Union contribution amount for the action will be calculated based on the additional number of Member States or eligible entities in the functioning of a SEAP.

The payments should be based on the achievement of results and fulfillment of relevant conditions by reference to milestones or targets in order to create the necessary incentive effect. The work will be structured in work packages and achievements will be established through the review and acceptance of deliverables. Payment requests will be possible at the end of each reporting period, considering the completion of work packages and in accordance with the grant agreement conditions.

**Calculation of the union contribution (maximum grant amount)**

Considering the establishment of a EUR 2 million cap in the call text and the minimum contribution of EUR 0.6 million for the minimum number of Member States or eligible entities (which is 3), the maximum Union contribution of EUR 2 million will correspond to the participation of 10 Member States or eligible entities in the functioning of the SEAP.

Baseline element	Basis in Regulation (EU) 2025/2643	Maximum Union contribution
Number of Member States and eligible entities in the functioning of a SEAP	Article 20(2) (d)	EUR 0.2 million per Member State or eligible entity, with a minimum of 0.6 million and a maximum of EUR 2 million

**Payment of the Union contribution and possible reduction of the contribution**

The payment of the Union contribution is linked to milestones and the fulfillment of relevant conditions. If the conditions to be met are not fulfilled, the amount of Union contribution will be recalculated taking into account the number of Member States and eligible entities remaining (if the number becomes lower than the eligibility criteria, the project will be closed with no EU financing).

Condition to be verified	Milestone	Maximum reduction if the condition is not fulfilled
Number of participating Member States or eligible entities.	M1	Maximum amount recalculated based on the number of Member States or eligible entities remaining

2. Coordination and Support Action (CSA)

*Further details, as required by article 21(3) of Regulation (EU) 2025/2643 will be provided at a later stage.*

**Appendix 2c: Methods for determining and, where applicable, adjusting the EU financial contribution for deployment of EDPCI (EDPCI) under the Programme**

*Further details as required by article 21(3) of Regulation (EU) 2025/2643 will be provided at a later stage.*

## **Appendix 2d: Methods for determining and, where applicable, adjusting the EU financial contribution for industrial reinforcement actions (IRA) under the Programme**

Article 20 of Regulation (EU) 2025/2643 establishes eligible costs for IRA action.

In particular, according to Article 20 (6) of Regulation (EU) 2025/2643, the Union financial contribution shall not exceed 35 % of the eligible costs. However, Article 20 (7) states that the Union financial contribution to each industrial reinforcement action referred to in Article 12 of Regulation (EU) 2025/2643 may be up to 50 % of the eligible costs if the following steps are met:

### **STEP 1: Preconditions for the bonuses**

One of the following pre-conditions is met:

- (a) Majority of beneficiaries are SMEs or mid-caps;
- (b) Action carried out by a SEAP.

**Only if one of these preconditions is met the higher financing rate can be considered.**

### **STEP 2: Bonuses**

If one of the above preconditions is satisfied, the Union financial contribution shall increase up to 50% of the eligible costs if the following conditions are met. The bonuses are the following:

- 7.5% of the total eligible costs for the creation of new cross border<sup>10</sup> cooperation between entities established in Member States or associated countries;
- 7.5% for the building of new infrastructure<sup>11</sup>; or, for the new or ramping up of manufacturing capacities of crisis-relevant products.

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<sup>10</sup> Defined as new cross-border cooperation between legal entities established in Member States or EDIP associated countries, especially compared to former activities in the technological area of the topic and taking into account the specificity of the market.

<sup>11</sup> New infrastructure as defined in the regulation in Article 20(7)(b): *“new infrastructure, facilities or production lines from the ground up or on sites not previously used for such activities, contributing to the development of supply chains and technology transfer throughout the Union”*.

**Appendix 2e: Methods for determining and, where applicable, adjusting the EU financial contribution for industrial reinforcement actions (IRA) and supporting action (SA) under the Ukraine Support Instrument**

In line with Article 33 (1) of Regulation (EU) 2025/2643, USI/IRA and USI/SA actions will be funded up to 100% of their eligible costs.

**Appendix 3a: Description of the milestones, the results to be achieved and the associated amounts to be disbursed for common procurement actions (CPA) under the Programme**

The following Milestones are designed in such a way as to mark substantial progress in the implementation of actions, the results to be achieved and the associated amounts to be disbursed.

Milestone	Description	Results to be achieved	EU contribution
1. Commitment to commonly procure	This milestone corresponds to the agreement reflecting the number of participants to the common procurement and their commitment to jointly procure according to agreed modalities.	<p>Signature of an agreement by at least the minimum number of Member States or associated countries with the procurement agent.</p> <p>The agreement formalises the following indicators:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the <b>number of Member States and associated countries</b> that will participate in the common procurement;</li> <li>• the <b>appointment</b>, by unanimity, of the <b>procurement agent (PA) empowered</b> to carry out the common procurement procedures (including necessary requirement checks, cf. below) and to conclude the contract(s) with the contractors (industrial stakeholders) <b>on behalf of</b> the participating Member States and associated countries;</li> <li>• the <b>common procurement procedures</b>, i.e., the practical arrangements governing the common procurement and the decision-making process on the choice of the common procurement procedure, the assessment of the tenders and the award of the contract(s): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ the common procurement procedures and contracts must include the following <b>requirements concerning contractors and subcontractors</b> for the PA to verify: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♣ establishment in the EU or associated country;</li> <li>♣ executive management structures in EU or associated country;</li> <li>♣ not subject to control by non-associated third country/entity (PA to perform control assessment) or Foreign direct investment (FDI) screened: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• if subject to control and not FDI screened, request guarantee verified by Member State or associated country (template to be used included in tender conditions);</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• the obligations and responsibilities of the PA, notably:</li> </ul>	20% of the EU contribution determined in accordance with the method set out in Appendix 2a

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ obligation to notify the Commission of contractors and subcontractors that have been subject to FDI screening and of contractors and subcontractors subject to non-EU control, with guarantees verified by Member State or associated country;</li> <li>➤ obligation to check that the cost of components of the defence product originating outside the Union and Associated Countries is not higher than 35% of the estimated cost of the components of the end product. No component shall be sourced from third countries that contravene the security and defence interest of the Union and its Member States</li> <li>➤ Obligation to check that the contractor has design authority, as defined in Article 10(5) of Regulation (EU) 2025/2643.</li> </ul>	
2. Industry/Market Engagement	<p>This milestone corresponds to the availability of the documentation for the implementation of the common procurement procedure by the procurement agent according to the modalities agreed by the participating Member States and associated countries.</p> <p>The common procurement documentation available to the targeted industrial stakeholders (either published or directly distributed to tenderers) should in particular reflect the agreed procurement strategy, the specific scope of the procurement and provide, if applicable, the Contract award criteria and technical marking scheme.</p>	<p>Finalisation and availability to industrial stakeholders of the full set of documentation that the selected procurement agent will share with the industry for the preparation of the offers.</p> <p>The indicators to be checked in the documentations are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• scope of the common procurement;</li> <li>• participation requirements for contractor and subcontractors specified by Regulation (EU) 2025/2643 ;</li> <li>• availability of the common procurement documentation to the industrial stakeholders;</li> <li>• availability of the common procurement documentation regarding the cost of component and design authority;</li> <li>• elements related to additional incentives as specified in the work programme and/or in the Call for proposals, if any (e.g., action carried out by a SEAP, procurement of additional quantities for Ukraine and Moldova, 20% of the total value of the end product is made by suppliers established in at least one members states other than the prime is).</li> </ul>	15% of the EU contribution determined in accordance with the method set out in Appendix 2a

<p>3. Common Procurement contract(s) Signature</p>	<p>This milestone corresponds to the availability of a legally binding document (e.g., a contract, multiple contracts) between the procurement agent and the industrial stakeholders (contractors to the common procurement).</p>	<p>Signature of the common procurement contract (or multiple contracts) between the procurement agent and the contractors on behalf of the minimum number of Member States or associated countries or SEAP required by Article 11(3) of the Regulation.</p> <p>Indicators to be checked in the milestone are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Financial size of the common procurement within the scope of the EDIP grant;</li> <li>• Percentage of the value of the common procurement;</li> <li>• Cost of components originating in the Union;</li> <li>• Documentation attesting the design authority;</li> <li>• Procurement agent <u>may</u> procure additional quantities of the concerned defence product for Ukraine or Moldova;</li> <li>• SMEs &amp; Mid-cap participation;</li> <li>• Number of Member States and associated countries;</li> <li>• Adaption, modernization, development of the EDTIB.</li> </ul>	<p>15% of the EU contribution determined in accordance with the method set out in Appendix 2a</p>
<p>4. Common Procurement payment and/or delivery</p>	<p>This milestone corresponds to the evidence of operationalisation of the Common Procurement through at least one payment to the industrial stakeholders (contractor and subcontractors) by the minimum number of Member States or associate countries or SEAP required by Article 11(3) point (a) and (b) of Regulation (EU) 2025/2643 or a delivery to the minimum number of Member States or associate countries required by Article 11(3) point (a) and (b) of Regulation (EU) 2025/2643</p>	<p>At least one payment related with the signed common procurement contracts (of all or part of the value of the common procurement within the scope of the EDIP grant) made to the industrial stakeholders by the minimum number of Member States or associate countries or the delivery of at least one of the commonly procured defence products to the minimum number of Member States or associate countries.</p> <p>The milestone could also correspond to a delivery to less Member States and associated countries than the minimum number, under the condition that at least one payment by the minimum number of Member States or associate countries as described above is already completed.</p> <p>The indicators to be checked are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstration that at least one payment related with the common procurement contract(s) implementation to the contractors has been by the minimum number of Member States or associate countries or SEAP required by Article 11(3), point (a) and (b) of the Regulation or a delivery to the minimum number of Member States or associate countries has been done by the contractors;</li> <li>• Ukraine or Moldova <u>are</u> one of the recipients of additional quantities of defence products in the procurement action.</li> </ul>	<p>50% of the EU contribution determined in accordance with the method set out in Appendix 2a</p>

**Appendix 3b: Description of the milestones, the results to be achieved and the associated amounts to be disbursed for supporting actions (SA) and coordination and support actions (CSA) taking the form of FNLC under the Programme**

The following Milestones are designed in such a way as to mark substantial progress in the implementation of actions, the results to be achieved and the associated amounts to be disbursed.

1. Milestone for Supporting Action (SA)

Milestone	Description	Results to be achieved	Union contribution
1. Operationalization of the functioning of a SEAP	This milestone corresponds to the evidence of operationalisation of the functioning of a SEAP	Evidence of one concrete operationalisation of functioning of the SEAP. The indicators to be checked are <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The hiring of employees for the functioning of a SEAP for all the Member States or eligible entities participating;</li> <li>• the execution of at least one payment related to the functioning of the SEAP;</li> <li>• the participation of Member States and/or eligible entities in SEAP-supported activities financed or operationally managed through such payment, procurement, or delivery mechanisms;</li> </ul>	100% of the Union contribution determined in accordance with the method set out in Appendix 2b

2. Milestone for Coordination and Support Action (CSA)

*Further details as required by article 21(3) of Regulation (EU) 2025/2643 will be provided at a later stage.*

**Appendix 3c: Description of the milestones, the results to be achieved and the associated amounts to be disbursed for deployment of EDPCI (EDPCI) under the Programme**

*Further details as required by article 21(3) of Regulation (EU) 2025/2643 will be provided at a later stage..*

**Appendix 4a: Description of the arrangements for the verification of the milestones, the fulfilment of conditions and the achievement of results for common procurement actions (CPA) under the Programme**

Milestone		Arrangement for verification	Fulfilment of Conditions	Achievement of results
M1	Commitment to commonly procure	<p>Availability to the Commission of the Agreement (or part of it containing the information needed to check the fulfilment of conditions to be verified).</p> <p>The Commission shall be granted access to the information to be able to verify that all relevant conditions set in the work programme and grant conditions are met as well as the compliance with consortium eligibility conditions.</p> <p>Specific arrangements for verifications should be detailed in the grant agreement (e.g., the Agreement (or part of it) could be identified as grant deliverable to be approved as part of the milestone acceptance).</p>	<p>Compliance with objectives set out in the work programme and grant agreement.</p> <p>Acceptance of the milestone by the granting authority.</p>	See Appendix 3a on results to be achieved for M1
M2	Industry/market engagement	<p>Availability of the proof that the common procurement procedure documentation is available to the industrial stakeholders and to the Commission of the common procurement documents (or the part(s) of it containing the information needed to check the fulfilment of conditions to be verified) as shared with industrial stakeholders.</p> <p>The Commission shall receive access to the information to be able to verify that all relevant conditions set in the work programme and grant conditions are met by the common procurement documents, as well as the compliance with the additional eligibility conditions set in the Regulation. This includes but is not limited to the eligibility conditions on the origin of the product's component costs and the</p>	<p>Compliance with objectives set out in the work programme and provisions of the grant agreement. Compliance with the eligibility of the action linked to the origin of the product's component costs and the design authority.</p> <p>Acceptance of the milestone by the granting authority</p>	See Appendix 3a on results to be achieved for M2

		<p>design authority.</p> <p>Specific arrangements for verifications should be detailed in the grant agreement (e.g., the common procurement documents (or a subset of them) could be identified as grant deliverable<sup>3</sup> to be approved as part of the Milestone acceptance).</p>		
M3	Common procurement contract(s) signature	<p>Availability to the Commission of the signed contract(s) (or part of it containing the information needed to check the fulfilment of conditions to be verified).</p> <p>The Commission shall be granted access to the information to be able to verify that all relevant conditions set in the work programme and grant conditions are met by the signed contract(s) corresponding to the financial size of the common procurement as well as the compliance with the additional eligibility conditions set in the Regulation. This includes but is not limited to the eligibility conditions on the origin of the product's component costs and the design authority.</p> <p>Specific arrangements for verifications should be detailed in the grant agreement (e.g., the signed contract(s) (or part of them) could be identified as grant deliverable).</p>	<p>Compliance with objectives set-out in the work programme and the provisions of grant agreement, in particular in relation with the common procurement financial size, the industrial consortium compositions and the possibility of providing support to Ukraine and/or Moldova. Compliance with the eligibility of the action linked to the origin of the product's component costs and the design authority.</p> <p>Acceptance of the milestone by the granting authority.</p>	See Appendix 3a on results to be achieved for M3
M4	Common procurement payment and/or delivery	<p>Availability to the Commission of relevant evidence of the operationalisation of the common procurement contract(s).</p> <p>The Commission shall be granted access to the information to be able to verify that the EDTIB has been effectively engaged under the common procurement contract and</p> <p>according to the specified conditions (e.g., budget transferred between the Procurement Agent and/or Member States and/or associated countries to industrial stakeholders or delivery of defence products by the industrial stakeholders to the Member States or associated countries).</p>	<p>Acceptance of the milestone by the granting authority, in particular in relation with the verification that the industrial consortium is effectively engaged through the contract(s).</p> <p>This could be demonstrated either through a proof of payment (initial, partial, total, final) by the procurement agent and/or Members States and/or associated countries or a proof of delivery (partial, total) of the</p>	See Appendix 3a on results to be achieved for M4

		<p>Specific arrangements for verifications should be detailed in the grant agreement (e.g., the proof of payment and/or delivery (or part of them) could be identified as grant deliverable).</p>	<p>defence products to one or more of the Members States or associated countries involved in the common procurement. Every Member State and associated country involved needs to have at least conducted a payment or received a defence product within the duration of the EDIP grant.</p>	
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**Appendix 4b: Description of the arrangements for the verification of the milestones, the fulfilment of conditions and the achievement of results for supporting actions taking (SA) and coordination and support actions (CSA) taking the form of FNLC under the Programme**

1. Supporting Action (SA)

Milestone		Arrangement for verification	Fulfilment of Conditions	Achievement of results
M1	Operationalisation of the functioning of a SEAP	<p>Availability to the Commission of relevant evidence of the operationalisation of the functioning of the SEAP.</p> <p>The Commission shall be granted access to all relevant information required to verify compliance with the conditions set out in the work programme.</p>	<p>Compliance with objectives set out in the work programme and grant agreement.</p> <p>Acceptance of the milestone by the Commission.</p>	See Appendix 3b on results to be achieved for M1

2. Coordination and Support Action (CSA)

*Further details as required by article 21(3) of Regulation (EU) 2025/2643 will be provided at a later stage.*

**Appendix 4c: Description of the arrangements for the verification of the milestones, the fulfilment of conditions and the achievement of results for deployment of EDPCI (EDPCI) under the Programme**

*Further details as required by article 21(3) of Regulation (EU) 2025/2643 will be provided at a later stage.*

## **Appendix 5: Description of the procedure for the evaluation and selection of proposals**

The proposals submitted in response to EDIP call for proposals will follow a standard submission and evaluation procedure consisting of:

- one-stage submission (through the European Commission Funding and Tenders Portal)
- one-step evaluation carried out by an evaluation committee appointed by the Authorising Officer.

The evaluation committee is composed by at least three persons selected among Commission statutory staff and complying with requirements of Article 153 of the Financial Regulation.

The evaluation committee will evaluate all proposals received in response of a call for proposals. The evaluation will be performed following the procedure described below:

### **Evaluation Procedure**

The following procedures will be carried out during the evaluation:

#### Admissibility

Proposals are checked for formal requirements related to admissibility (e.g., formal submission requirements). Inadmissible proposals will be rejected.

#### Eligibility

Proposals are checked against the eligibility conditions which are specified in the call text (action, activities, consortium composition and beneficiaries etc.). Proposals which fail to meet any of the eligibility criteria will be rejected.

#### Scoring of award criteria

Proposals are assessed against the award criteria. The outcome of the assessment is a qualitative scoring of the proposal.

The award criteria and the associated specific aspects used by the evaluation committee are described in Appendix 6 and reflected in the proposal submission form.

The evaluation committee will score each proposal against each award criterion on a scale from 0 to 5 (half-points will be allowed). The total score of a proposal is the sum of the weighted scores of each award criterion. The proposals receiving a score above the threshold will proceed to next step of the evaluation process.

#### Ranking

Based on the scoring of the evaluated proposals, a **ranking list of** proposals above the minimum quality threshold is established for each call. For proposals with the same score, the ranking procedure is determined in the call document.

#### Award and signature

The number of proposals proposed for award by the Commission within a specific call depends on the call conditions, budget availability, the proposals received, and the results of the ranking. When the call conditions allow that several actions may be funded, the highest ranked proposals will be awarded in the order of the ranking list within the limit of the budget available for the call.

The Commission will reserve the right not to award all available funds or to redistribute them between calls, depending on the proposals received and the results of the evaluation.

## Appendix 6a: Details concerning the application of the award criteria and weighting for common procurement actions (CPA) under the Programme

According to Article 18 of Regulation (EU) 2025/2643, the Commission shall evaluate proposals on the basis of the award criteria defined in such article.

This appendix provides further details concerning the application of such criteria, in particular the elements that the Evaluation Committee defined in Appendix 5 will consider for the assessment of proposals submitted in response to EDIP/CPA calls for proposals.

<b>Award Criteria</b>	<b>Elements that will be looked at as part of the assessment of the proposal against the award criteria</b>	<b>Weight</b>
1. Objectives	<i>1.1 Alignment with objective, scope, priorities of the call topic</i>	2
2. Number of Member States /associating countries participating	<i>2.1 Number of Member States/associated countries participating in the common procurement</i>	1
3. Adaptation, modernisation and development of the EDTIB	<i>3.1 Adaptation, modernisation and development of the EDTIB</i>	1
4. SMEs & Mid-cap participation	<i>4.1 Participation of SME and Midcaps 4.1 SME and Midcaps added value</i>	1
5. Expected results	<i>5.1 Compliance with expected results set out in the call topic 5.2 Increase in interoperability</i>	2
6. Quality & efficiency of implementation	<i>6.1 Work-plan and work packages 6.2 Project and quality of management</i>	3

## Appendix 6b: Details concerning the application of the award criteria and weighting for SA under the Programme

According to Article 18 of Regulation (EU) 2025/2643, the Commission shall evaluate proposals on the basis of the award criteria defined in such article.

This appendix provides further details concerning the application of such criteria, in particular the elements that the Evaluation Committee defined in Appendix 5 will consider for the assessment of proposals submitted in response to calls for supporting actions.

<b>Award Criteria</b>	<b>Elements that will be looked at as part of the assessment of the proposal against the award criteria</b>	<b>Weight</b>
1. Objectives	<i>1.1. Alignment with objective, scope, priorities of the call topic</i> <i>1.2 Contribution to competitiveness</i> <i>1.3 Resilience &amp; geographical distribution</i>	2
2. Expected results	<i>2.1. Compliance with expected results set out in the call topic</i> <i>2.2 Increase in interoperability</i>	2
3. Quality & efficiency of implementation	<i>3.1 Work-plan and work packages</i> <i>3.2 Project and quality of management</i>	3

## Appendix 6c: Details concerning the application of the award criteria and weighting for industrial reinforcement actions (IRA) under the programme

According to Article 18 of Regulation (EU) 2025/2643, the Commission shall evaluate proposals on the basis of the award criteria defined in such article.

This appendix provides further details concerning the application of such criteria, in particular the elements that the Evaluation Committee defined in Appendix 5 will consider for the assessment of proposals submitted in response to EDIP/IRA calls for proposals.

Award Criteria	Elements that will be looked at as part of the assessment of the proposal against the award criteria	Weight
1. Objectives	<i>1.1 Alignment with objective, scope, priorities of the call topic</i> <i>1.2 Contribution to competitiveness</i> <i>1.3 Resilience &amp; geographical distribution</i>	2
2. Availability and security of supply in response to identified risks, in particular high exposure to the risk of materialisation of conventional military threats	<i>2.1 Availability and security of supply related to identified risks</i>	2
3. Cross-border cooperation, inclusion of SMEs and mid-caps, or the link with orders stemming from common procurement by at least 3 Member States or associated countries.	<i>3.1 Development of cross-border cooperation, from demand or industrial side</i>	2
4. Expected results	<i>4.1 Compliance with expected results set out in the call topic</i>	1
5. Reduction of production lead time, increase in production capacity, reserved capacity and workforce skilled	<i>5.1 Reduction of the production lead time, increase in production capacity, reserved capacity and workforce skilled</i>	2
6. Quality & efficiency of implementation	<i>6.1 Work-plan and work packages</i> <i>6.2 Project and quality of management</i>	3

## Appendix 6d: Details concerning the application of the award criteria and weighting for industrial reinforcement actions (IRA) under the Ukraine Support Instrument

According to Article 31 of Regulation (EU) 2025/2643, the Commission shall evaluate proposals on the basis of the award criteria defined in such article.

This appendix provides further details concerning the application of such criteria, in particular the elements that the Evaluation Committee defined in Appendix 5 will consider for the assessment of proposals submitted in response to USI/IRA calls for proposals.

<b>Award Criteria</b>	<b>Elements that will be looked at as part of the assessment of the proposal against the award criteria</b>	<b>Weight</b>
1. Objectives	<i>1.1. Alignment with objectives pursued by USI 1.2 Integration to the EDTIB and the Union</i>	2
2. Timely availability and supply of defence products in UA	<i>2.1 Timely availability and supply of defence products in UA</i>	2
3. Cross-border cooperation between UA and EU	<i>3.1 Cross-border cooperation between UA and EU</i>	2
4. Expected results	<i>4.1 Compliance with expected results set out in the call topic</i>	1
5. Reduction of production lead time, increase in production capacity in UA	<i>5.1 Reduction of production lead time and the increase in production capacity in UA</i>	2
6. Quality & efficiency of implementation	<i>6.1 Work-plan and work packages 6.2 Project and quality of management</i>	3

## **Appendix 6e: Details concerning the application of the award criteria and weighting for supporting actions (SA) under the Ukraine Support Instrument**

According to Article 31 of Regulation (EU) 2025/2643, the Commission shall evaluate proposals on the basis of the award criteria defined in such article.

This appendix provides further details concerning the application of such criteria, in particular the elements that the Evaluation Committee defined in Appendix 5 will consider for the assessment of proposals submitted in response to USI supporting actions calls for proposals.

<b>Award Criteria</b>	<b>Elements that will be looked at as part of the assessment of the proposal against the award criteria</b>	<b>Weight</b>
1. Objectives	<i>1.1. Alignment with objective pursued by the call topic 1.2 Integration to the EDTIB and the Union</i>	2
2. Expected results	<i>2.1. Compliance with expected results set out in the call topic</i>	2
3. Quality & efficiency of implementation	<i>3.1 Work-plan and work packages 3.2 Project and quality of management</i>	3

## **Appendix 7: Details regarding the implementation of Financial Support to Third Parties (FSTP) by the beneficiary under EDIP-USI-2026-LS-SA-DIA-IBA**

### **1. Information to be provided in the proposal submitted by the beneficiary**

The proposal to be submitted by the beneficiary under EDIP-USI-2026-LS-SA-DIA-IBA will have to contain and substantiate the following elements:

- The process and methodology used for the evaluation, selection and award of FSTP applicants;
- Information on the communication and outreach efforts that will be performed by the beneficiary to advertise the FSTP calls;
- The method used for defining the amount of each grant (maximum EUR 200 000);
- The payment process, timeline and related requirements used for the payment of the entire FSTP amount to third parties;
- The exact types of innovation activities for which a third party may receive financial support;
- The potential results to be obtained, deliverables and key performance indicators;
- The roles and responsibilities of the individual third party or consortium with regard to FSTP management;
- The publication of at least one call falling within one of the pre-determined call categories, specifically dedicated to the spin-in of civilian technologies into defence solutions.

### **2. Conditions for FSTP implementation**

In line with Article 207 of the Financial Regulation, the implementation of the defence innovation supporting action under USI requires the provision of financial support to third parties (FSTP, also named ‘cascade funding’). The beneficiary of the grant implementing the FSTP must comply with the conditions outlined hereafter. The provisions of Regulation (EU) 2025/2643, the EDIP Work programme, the call topic description and the grant agreement signed between the beneficiary and the European Commission shall be complied with, with no margin for discretion by the beneficiary.

#### **2.1. General requirements for FSTP implementation**

The **cascade funding** should, at a minimum:

- Be organised in the form of competitive calls to third parties where each project may be supported with up to EUR 200 000;
- Provide the third parties the **opportunity** to demonstrate their knowledge, technologies, capabilities and products;

- Ensure the establishment of the necessary connections with the relevant Ukrainian actors and Armed Forces to ensure the efficient implementation of the action;
- Be accompanied by a **clear methodology** allowing to measure the FSTP's contribution to the improved maturity of the supported innovative product or technology in the short- to medium-term, and the project's contribution to Ukraine's defence industrial readiness;
- Aim at a wider impact on innovation performance of the supported entities in the **medium-term**.

## 2.2. Security of information

The exchanges of classified information in the context of the implementation of this action shall be performed in accordance with the applicable Security of Information Agreement (SIA) between the EU and Ukraine, and the relevant Implementing Arrangements. The exchanges of sensitive non-classified information in the context of the implementation of this action shall be performed in line with the handling instructions set out by the originator, or where applicable, in line with the memorandum of understanding, contract or security convention between the EU institution, agency or office and Ukraine or a specific entity of Ukraine.

The provisions for the applicable project's security framework shall be further specified in the invitation to submit the proposal.

The security aspects of the implementation of the project shall be included in a Security Aspects Letter which will form integral part of the Grant Agreement.

## 2.3. General principles for FSTP calls launched by the beneficiary

FSTP calls shall be carried out in compliance with the subsequent basic principles:

- **Excellence.** The proposal(s) selected for funding must demonstrate a high quality in the context of the topics and criteria set out in the call;
- **Transparency.** Funding decisions must be based on clearly described rules and procedures, and all applicants should receive adequate feedback on the outcome of the evaluation of their proposals;
- **Fairness and impartiality.** All proposals submitted to a call are treated equally. They are evaluated impartially on their merits, irrespective of their origin or the identity of the applicants;
- **Confidentiality.** All proposals and related data, knowledge and documents are treated in confidence;
- **Efficiency and speed.** Evaluation of proposals and award of the financial support should be as rapid as possible, commensurate with maintaining the quality of the evaluation, and respecting the legal framework.

## 2.4. Entities eligible for FSTP

Only entities respecting the criteria set out in Article 26 of Regulation (EU) 2025/2643 are eligible for FSTP funding. They must namely be legal entities established in the EU and Ukraine, with the infrastructure, facilities, assets and resources involved in the action established in the EU and Ukraine and with their management structures in the EU or Ukraine. Legal entities established in the non-government-controlled areas of Ukraine shall not be eligible for funding. The third parties shall not be subject to control by a non-associated third country other than Ukraine or by another third-country entity.

FSTP must target as a priority **SMEs (including start-ups), as well as mid-caps<sup>12</sup>**, or consortia thereof. The beneficiary should perform checks of third parties' SME status on the basis of random sampling in accordance with the criteria as defined in Article 2 of the [Annex to Commission Recommendation 2003/361/EC](#). Participation of entities other than SMEs and mid-caps can only be accepted where no SMEs are available to demonstrate the capacity or expertise needed for the project during its lifetime.

Third parties can submit proposals to the FSTP calls as **sole entities or as consortia**. FSTP can thus be **mono-beneficiary** or **multi-beneficiary**. The beneficiary will have to ensure management of all awarded projects, regardless of the number of third parties involved in a project.

## 2.5. Eligible actions for FSTP

FSTP shall only fund **defence innovation projects**. The proposals submitted by third parties shall respond to the call conditions of the FSTP calls for proposals.

Only projects with an entry-TRL of 4 or more shall be eligible for funding. 90% of projects shall improve the TRL of the solutions by at least one level. At the moment of completion of the last project, 60% of FSTP-funded defence solutions must have reached an exit-TRL of 7 or above.

Any project proposed by third parties who has already benefitted or is already benefitting from EU funding may not be eligible for FSTP funding for the same action. However, a technology or project who has already benefitted from EU funding for previous development stages may apply for FSTP funding for different types of activities.

Design authority: recipients of FSTP shall have the ability to decide, without restrictions imposed by non-associated third countries other than Ukraine or by another third-country entities, on the definition, adaptation and evolution of the design of the defence products concerned, including the legal authority to substitute or remove components that are subject to restrictions imposed by non-associated third countries other than Ukraine or by another third-country entities.

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<sup>12</sup> As defined in Article 2(19) of Regulation (EU) 2025/2643.

The following actions shall not be eligible for FSTP funding:

- actions related to defence products that are prohibited by applicable international law;
- actions related to lethal autonomous systems that operate outside a responsible chain of human command and control or that cannot be used in compliance with international humanitarian law;
- actions related to cluster munitions.

## 2.6. FSTP call areas

The beneficiary shall issue competitive FSTP calls for proposals within three or more of the following eight categories, which **cover systems and components**:

- Air defence systems;
- UxV (UAVs, UGVs, USVs, UUVs);
- Missiles & ammunition;
- EW/SIGINT;
- AI and machine learning for defence/dual use;
- Navigation and Communication systems;
- Future technologies (high-energy weapons such as lasers & microwave; exoskeletons and humanoid drones);
- Software for defence developments.

## 2.7. FSTP calls content

The FSTP **calls for proposals** published by the beneficiary must contain:

- A unique call identifier;
- The targeted eligible entities for receiving financial support;
- The objectives and scope of the call, including a clear and exhaustive list of activities that can receive financial support, as highlighted in the section on eligible actions under FSTP;
- The expected impact of the call, namely how it contributes to the EDIP-USI objectives outlined in Article 22 of Regulation (EU) 2025/2643 and how it may support the defence industrial innovation capacity of the Ukrainian DTIB;
- The expected results of the project;
- The methodology used to register the entry-TRL of a said defence solution and to measure its exit-TRL upon completion of the project.
- Any information that third parties need to submit in their proposal, including but not limited to application template for third parties, containing their contact information

and a Declaration of Honour for recipients of financial support to third parties which includes commitment for the third party or consortium to abide by Regulation (EU) 2025/2643 design authority rules as defined in Article 27 (5) of Regulation (EU) 2025/2643;

- Arrangements that the consortium may impose on third parties (e.g., reporting duties, feedback obligations, arrangements for providing financial support, or specific rights for beneficiaries to access and use the results of the supported activities, etc.);
- The deadline for submission, and, if it is a fixed-deadline call, clearly specifying the local time involved;
- Expected duration of the project;
- Maximum amount of financial support for each third party available in the form of lump-sum grants;
- The languages by which the proposals can be submitted, which must be either in English or Ukrainian;
- Contact information: e-mail address and telephone number for a help facility which is to be maintained during the entire duration of the call and the e-mail address to which proposals are submitted and the call identifier which will be used on these emails.

## 2.8. FSTP calls publication obligations

The beneficiary should provide a call announcement to the Commission at least 5 days before the foreseen date of publication of each new call. This shall contain a draft of the call text, including the call announcement, full call details, and, if applicable, refer to the webpage where the full call will be published. A dedicated project website is not strictly required. It is, however, recommended as it ensures that the call is widely disseminated.

FSTP calls shall be announced both in English and in Ukrainian.

The beneficiary can publish fixed deadline or ever-open rolling calls.

Once the call text information is finalised and public, the call information can also be disseminated through the European Commission channels. The beneficiary shall prepare a brief announcement about the call ahead of its full publication.

**The FSTP calls should be open for at least 2 months.** If the call deadlines change, the beneficiary should inform the Commission and all registered applicants immediately, as well as update the full FSTP call details accordingly.

The full call details must be widely disseminated.

The beneficiary shall send an **acknowledgement of receipt** to applicants, whether by email or IT platform to inform them that their applications has been received and to highlight the

expected time for notification of the results. It is recommended to submit proposals through an electronic exchange system or IT platform which identifies the time of submission.

The beneficiary cannot accept late submissions. If applicants send a submission after the call is closed, a “call closed” message shall be sent to them.

The beneficiary shall evaluate proposals as submitted based on their own merits. No additions or changes to received proposals should be taken into account.

#### 2.9. FSTP grant agreements

The grant agreements signed between the beneficiary and the third parties must include the following obligations:

- Avoiding conflict of interest;
- Adhering to confidentiality and security obligations;
- Ethics;
- Respecting specific rules and requirements for action implementation;
- Adhering to information obligations;
- Record-keeping;
- Allowing checks, reviews, audits, and investigations.

#### 2.10. Management and project coordination responsibilities

The beneficiary is responsible for the proper use of the funding by the third-party recipients and must ensure that they comply with certain obligations under the grant agreement with the Commission. This implies that the Commission can only address issues related to the third party with the beneficiary; in particular, the Commission will exclusively turn to the beneficiary to recover funds which it has paid as financial support to a third party, for instance, in the case of improper use of funds. It is therefore necessary that beneficiaries establish appropriate contractual arrangements with the selected third parties.

It is the responsibility of the beneficiary to monitor the activities of the third parties and the appropriate use of the funding.

#### 2.11. Reporting and payment arrangements

After grant signature, the beneficiary will receive a prefinancing to start working on the project.

At the end of each reporting period (defined during grant agreement preparation), the beneficiary will have to provide reports to request payments.

In addition, the beneficiary will be requested to submit one or more progress reports not linked to payments (every 6 to 12 months, to be agreed during grant agreement preparation).

Reports will contain technical and financial information.