

Non-thematic development actions by SMEs

European Defence Fund

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PROGRAMMA	European Defence Fund	CURATO DA	Maria Macedo
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Dettagli Finanziari

TIPO DI SUPPORTO	Fondo perduto	TASSO MASSIMO DI FINANZIAMENTO	100%
BUDGET	30M€	VALORE DI PROGETTO AMMISSIBILE	Up to 6M€

Date e Scadenze

DATA DI PUBBLICAZIONE	25 febbraio 2026	DATA DI APERTURA	11 febbraio 2026
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Fasi di Candidatura

- Phase 1: 29 settembre 2026 alle ore 15:00 (81 giorni rimanenti)

Obiettivi

Objectives

This call aims to advance innovative SMEs in transforming technological and research results into defence products in a rapid and cost-effective manner. The objective is to support collaborative development activities for defence, including adaptation of civil-originated technologies to defence needs and fostering cross-border integration of European SMEs. Eligible entities are strictly small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) from at least three different

eligible countries (EU Member States or associated countries), with all consortium partners required to have SME status and be registered as such. The call covers a broad range of innovative defence solutions and technologies that enhance readiness, reliability, safety, and sustainability in defence operations, infrastructure, energy, or digital domains, prioritizing development applications from technology readiness level (TRL) 4 and above.

Funding

The total available budget for this call is EUR 30,000,000 with no fixed maximum number of supported projects. The maximum EU grant per project is capped at EUR 6,000,000. Funding rates vary by activity type and may include bonuses for consortia integrating cross-border cooperation, SMEs, or mid-caps, with the maximum funding rate reaching up to 100% for studies and certain development actions. Proposals must include co-financing for action costs not covered by the EDF grant.

Spese Ammissibili

- Personnel Costs
- Travel costs
- Equipment costs
- Other goods, works and services costs
- Subcontracting
- Indirect Costs
- Financial support to third parties

Bonus e Maggiorazioni

- PESCO bonus: +10% if project is developed under permanent structured cooperation
- SME bonus (non-cross-border): Up to +5% if e10% costs allocated to SMEs in same country as non-SME beneficiaries
- SME bonus (cross-border): Up to double the % of costs allocated to SMEs from other eligible countries
- Mid-cap bonus: +10% if e15% costs allocated to mid-cap enterprises

Idoneità

Settori Idonei

- Aerospazio e Difesa

Dimensioni Aziendali

- PMI

Modalità di Candidatura

- Aggregata / Partenariato

Tipi di Azione

- Feasibility studies
- Design of defence products or technologies
- System prototyping
- Testing

- Qualification
- Certification
- Development of technologies/assets for defence lifecycle efficiency
- Interoperability and resilience activities

Dettagli Programma UE

ID BANDO

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PROGETTI PREVISTI

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MODALITÀ DI PRESENTAZIONE

Single-stage

REGOLA DEL TASSO DI FINANZIAMENTO

Funding rate depends on activity type; studies and some activities may be funded up to 100% (including bonuses for PESCO, SME, and mid-cap participation), prototypes up to 55%, testing and qualification/certification up to 80%, as specified by Article 10(3) EDF Regulation and relevant bonuses.

Link Ufficiali

Regolamento Ufficiale:

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/EDF-2026-LS-DA-SME-NT?order=DESC&pageNumber=1&pageSize=50&sortBy=startDate&isExactMatch=true&status=31094501,31094502,31094503&programmePeriod=2021%20-%202027&frameworkProgramme=44181033>

Pagina Grantavia: <https://grantavia.com/it/incentives/non-thematic-development-actions-by-smes>

Video Informativo: https://youtu.be/zt_WT5RCbQY?si=LH47a4ha533liCAX

Prenota un incontro: <https://calendly.com/ines-carreira-fi-group/reuniao>