

# Non-thematic research actions by SMEs and research organisations

European Defence Fund

CODE	EDF-2026-LS-DIS-RA-SMERO	SCOPE	International
LOCATION	Europe	STATUS	Open
PROGRAM	European Defence Fund	CURATED BY	Maria Macedo
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## Financial Details

SUPPORT TYPE	Non-Refundable	MAXIMUM FUNDING RATE	100%
BUDGET	35M€	ELIGIBLE PROJECT VALUE	Up to 5M€
MAXIMUM DURATION	36 months		

## Dates & Deadlines

PUBLICATION DATE	March 3, 2026	OPENING DATE	April 15, 2026
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## Application Phases

- Phase 1: September 29, 2026 at 03:00 PM (126 days left)

## Objectives

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This incentive under the European Defence Fund (EDF) aims to drive innovation in defence research by fostering the participation of SMEs and research organisations. Projects should focus on developing disruptive technologies and innovative solutions with applications in defence, potentially adapting technologies from civil to defence purposes. The initiative seeks collaborative cross-border research, with consortia consisting of at least three independent entities from eligible countries. Priority is given to strengthening the European defence technological and industrial base, promoting interoperability, and enhancing the EU's strategic autonomy. SMEs must be the coordinators of these projects.

## Funding

The total call budget is EUR 35,000,000. Each project may request up to EUR 5,000,000 as a lump sum grant, fully reimbursed at 100% of eligible costs. The project duration must be between 12 and 36 months. Research organisations may not receive more than 40% of the grant per project, and subcontracting is capped at 30%. Only depreciation of equipment is eligible for reimbursement. Financial support to third parties is allowed under specific conditions.

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## Eligible Expenses

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

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## Eligibility

### Eligible Sectors

- Aerospace & Defense

### Company Sizes

- Sme
- Non-business entities of the R&I system (ENESII)

### Application Mode

- Consortium / Copromotion

### Action Types

- Research and development of disruptive defence technologies
- Innovation and technology transfer from civilian to defence applications
- Feasibility studies
- Design and specification of defence products or technologies

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## EU Programme Details

CALL ID

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EXPECTED PROJECTS

SUBMISSION MODE

Single-stage

FUNDING RATE RULE

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## Official Links

Official Regulation:

[https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/edf/wp-call/2026/call-fiche\\_edf-2026-ls-dis-ra-smero\\_en.pdf](https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/edf/wp-call/2026/call-fiche_edf-2026-ls-dis-ra-smero_en.pdf)

Grantavia page: <https://grantavia.com/en/incentives/non-thematic-research-actions-by-smes-and-research-organizations-1>

Information Video: [https://youtu.be/zt\\_WT5RCbQY?si=LH47a4ha533liCAX](https://youtu.be/zt_WT5RCbQY?si=LH47a4ha533liCAX)

Schedule a meeting: <https://calendly.com/ines-carreira-fi-group/reuniao>