

Non-thematic research actions by SMEs and research organisations

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Detalhes Financeiros

TIPO DE APOIO

Fundo Perdido

DOTAÇÃO

35M€

TAXA MÁXIMA DE FINANCIAMENTO

100%

VALOR ELEGÍVEL DO PROJETO

Up to 5M€

Datas e Prazos

DATA DE PUBLICAÇÃO

Não definida

DATA DE ABERTURA

15 de abril de 2026

Fases de Candidatura

- Deadline: 29 de setembro de 2026 às 15:00 (114 dias restantes)

Objetivos

Objectives

This incentive under the European Defence Fund (EDF) aims to support the competitiveness, efficiency, and innovation capacity of the European defence technological and industrial base (EDTIB). The main objective is to fund non-thematic research actions led by innovative small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and research

organisations (ROs). The fund focuses on collaborative defence research and development with an emphasis on maximizing innovation, adapting technologies from civil applications, and addressing hybrid warfare. Only legal entities (public or private) established in eligible EU Member States or associated countries may participate, with the coordinator for each project required to be an SME. Both SMEs and non-profit research organisations carrying out R&D as their main objective are eligible to apply.

Co-financing

The support offered is a lump sum grant reimbursed at 100% of eligible costs. The total available call budget is EUR 35,000,000. Each individual project may request up to EUR 5,000,000 (higher requests may be accepted if justified). The funding is non-refundable, and a minimum consortium of three independent entities from three different eligible countries is required. The budget share for research organisations cannot exceed 40% of the total requested grant for each project, and contracts for subcontracting are capped at 30% of the total.

Constraints

Projects must be planned for a duration between 12 and 36 months, with extensions possible if justified. Only SMEs and non-profit research organisations are eligible as beneficiaries or affiliated entities. The coordinator must be an SME. Assets and activities must take place within eligible countries, except in highly justified and approved exceptional cases. Core evaluation criteria are excellence and potential for disruption, innovation, implementation, and impact. Adherence to EU values, highest standards of research integrity and ethics, and robust security protocols are mandatory. Proposals involving classified information must comply with specific EU security measures. Proposals not meeting key eligibility or admissibility requirements, or falling under EU restrictive or conditionality measures, will be excluded from funding consideration.

Despesas Elegíveis

- Personnel
- Travel and subsistence
- Other goods, works and services
- Equipment
- Subcontracting
- Indirect costs

Elegibilidade

Setores Elegíveis

- Indústria
- Aeroespacial & Defesa

Dimensão das Empresas

- Micro
- PME
- Entidades privadas sem fins lucrativos
- Entidades públicas

Tipos de Ação

- Collaborative defence research and development
- Disruptive technology transfer

- Adaptation of civic technologies for defence
- Feasibility studies
- Design of defence products or components

Detalhes do Programa UE

ID DA CHAMADA

EDF-2026-LS-DIS-RA-SMERO

CONTRIBUIÇÃO UE

Up to EUR 5,000,000 per project

REGRA DE TAXA DE FINANCIAMENTO

100% lump sum grant

MODO DE SUBMISSÃO

Single-stage

PROJETOS ESPERADOS

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Links Oficiais

Regulamento Oficial:

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

Página no Grantavia: <https://grantavia.com/pt/incentives/non-thematic-research-actions-by-smes-and-research-organisations>

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

Agendar reunião: <https://calendly.com/ines-carreira-fi-group/reuniao>