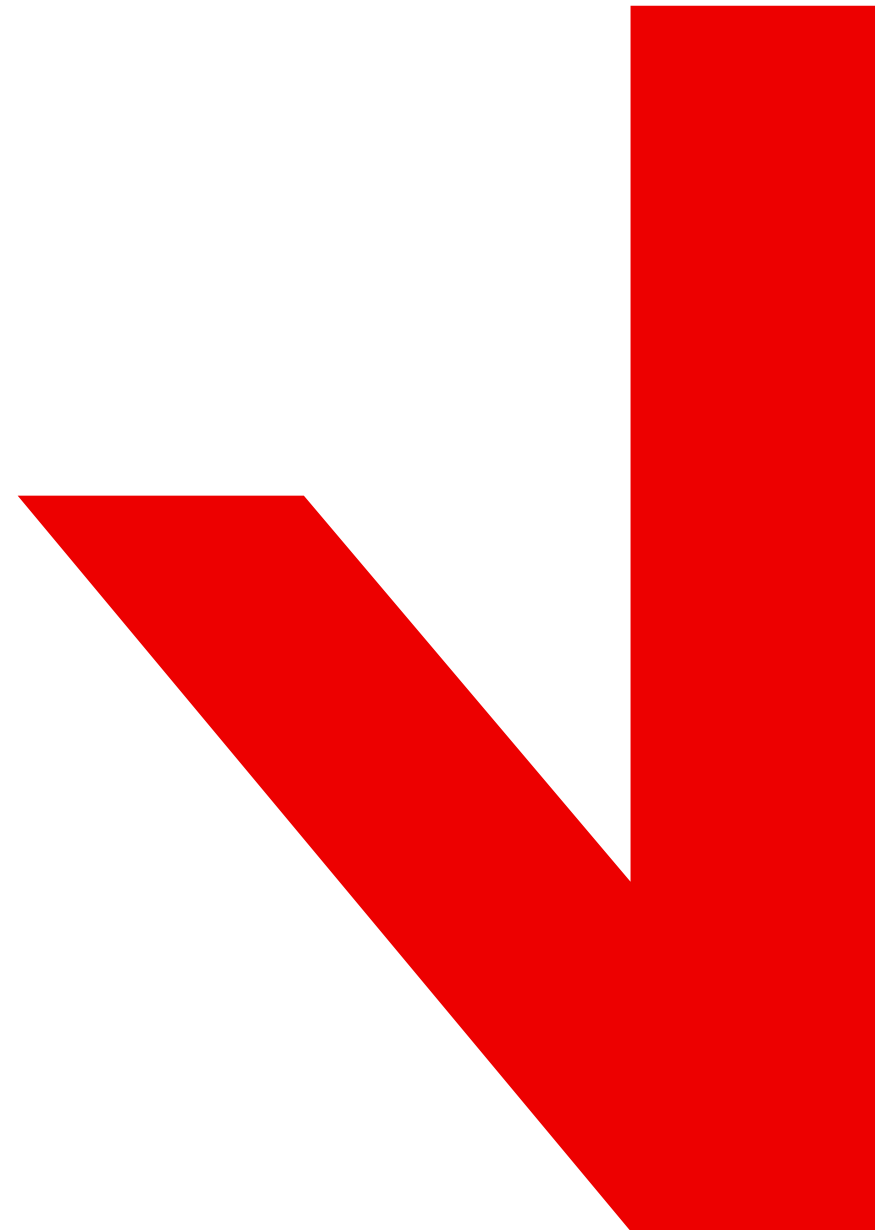
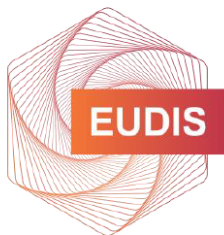


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EDF for Defence Research & Deployment

EDF Categories of Actions Addressed by annual work programmes & calls for proposals



 **Medical response, CBRN & human factors**

 **Information superiority**

 **Sensors**

 **Cyber**

 **Space**

 **Digital transformation**

 **Energy resilience & environmental transition**

 **Materials and components**

 **Air combat**

 **Air and Missile defence**

 **Ground combat**

 **Force protection and mobility**

 **Naval combat**

 **Underwater warfare**

 **Simulation and training**



Horizontal categories

 **Disruptive technologies**

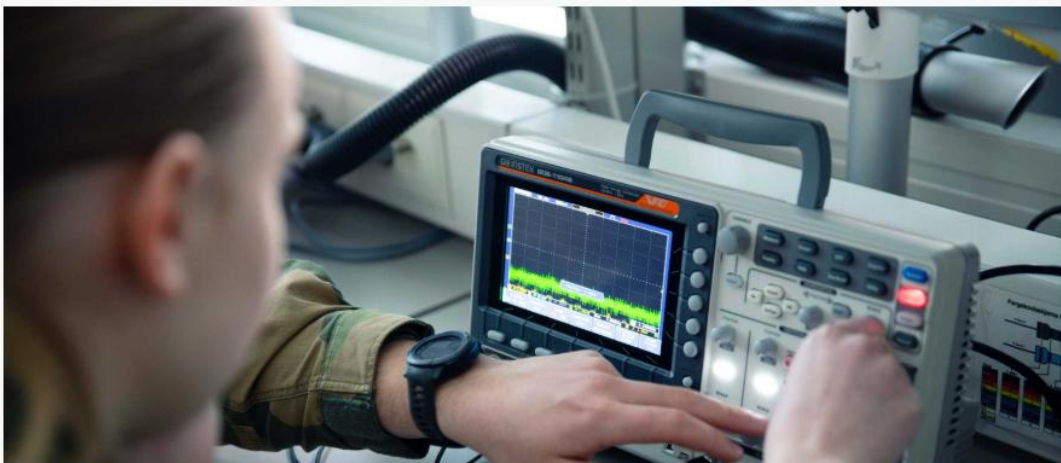
 **Innovative defence technologies (SMEs)**



Norge vinner fram i EUs forsvarsfond

Nå har EU-kommisjonen offentliggjort de nye tildelingene fra Det europeiske forsvarsfondet (EDF). Totalt investeres over 12 milliarder kroner i 57 prosjekter som skal styrke Europas forsvarsevne. Norske aktører er med i hele 16 av disse prosjektene.

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EDF-project	Title	Category	Project Description	Themathical area	Norwegian Partners	Budget
ACHILE 2	Augmented Capability for High end soLdErs 2	Force protection and mobility	Develop a modular, open-architecture Next Generation Dismounted Soldier System tailored for modern high-intensity warfare.	Full-size demonstrators for next generation soldier systems	NFM	40,979,533.0€
ASIMOV	Autonomous System for Inspection, Maintenance, defence Operations and manoeuvres	Space	First European dual-use On-Orbit Servicing (OOS) System of Systems, enabling autonomous, secure, and sovereign operations across all orbital regimes (LEO, MEO, GEO).	On-orbit operations and services	Jotne Connect	57,332,216.6€
ECC2	European Cyber Command and Control System	Cyber	A sovereign, federated cyber command and control (C2) solution designed to empower EU and Member States to coordinate, plan, and execute cyberspace	Improved cyber defence operations capabilities	FFI Kongsberg Defence & Aerospace Mnemonic	56,247,886.4€
E-DOMINION	European -Digitalization Of Maritime Innovation for Naval Integrated Platforms and COmbat Cloud Nodes	Naval combat	Provide the foundations of a Digital Ship establishing a reference architecture to integrate naval operational capabilities including Combat Cloud for collaborative missions.	Digital Ship and Naval Combat Cloud	Kongsberg Defence & Aerospace (KDA) Sopra Steria	78,990,772.9€
EVOLVE	European Vision for interOperable Live, Virtual, constructive Ecosystem	Simulation and training	Game-changer in military education, ensuring best training value and optimized use of available assets	Live, Virtual, Constructive training interoperability -Joint operations and service-specific solutions	FFI Kongsberg Defence & Aerospace	15,016,648.1€
FAMOUS3	European Future Highly Mobile Augmented Armoured Systems 3	Ground combat	Maximising synergies, standardisation, commonalities and interoperability, and to lower the life cycle costs for both All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) and Light Armoured Vehicles (LAV)	Future modular multifunctional land platforms and enabling technologies, including green technologies	Kongsberg Defence & Aerospace	115,127,755.8€
LATACC2	Land TActical Collaborative Combat Phase 2	Ground combat	By leveraging on experience and results from its Phase 1, which established a common architectural baseline, LATACC2 will mature and expand the demonstrators and their components.	Land collaborative combat including air-land	Rheinmetall Norway Teleplan Globe	53,654,374.9€
LLM Secret	Sovereign and trusted large language models for European defence and security	Digital transformation	First sovereign European dialogue system based on large language models (LLMs), designed for classified and offline use.	Privacy-preserving human-AI dialogue systems -Participation in a technological challenge	Norsk Regnesentral	4,999,595.2€
MIDAS	Middle are for Intelligent Defense AI Dialogue Systems	Digital transformation	Addressing pressing challenges such as the need for rapid, accurate, and secure synthesis of vast and diverse information to support high-stakes operational decisions.	Privacy-preserving human-AI dialogue systems -Participation in a technological challenge	Halogen	4,998,311.4€
MINERVA	Modular Integration of Naval Energy Systems for Resilient Vessels Application	Energy resilience and environmental transition	Three key innovation areas for military use: fuel-flexible hybrid propulsion systems, DC electric power systems and a joint modular design, modelling and test approach.	Naval hybrid propulsion and power systems	Kongsberg Maritime SINTEF Ocean	19,873,591.1€
SALUBRIS	Strategic Autonomous Logistic Uncrewed Battlefield (R)iage Intervention System	Defence medical support, CBRN, biotech and human factors	Bridging a critical gap in battlefield medical support by designing and validating an ecosystem of Robot Autonomous Systems (RAS) for casualty triage and evacuation (CASEVAC).	Autonomous triage and evacuation	Biodrone Maritime Robotics NTNU	9,998,683.6€
SHIELD	Subsea Heterogeneous Integrated Ecosystem Link Development	Underwater warfare	Establishment of an Unmanned Underwater Super System (IUSS) that unifies existing underwater assets into a coherent, scalable, and resilient defence architecture.	Advanced underwater networks	SINTEF Ocean	32,820,775.6€
SPIDER2	Space-based Persistent ISR for Defence and Europe Reinforcement -phase 2	Space	Develop a constellation of affordable satellites for space-based Intelligence.	Space-based ISR constellation	Kongsberg Defence & Space Norway	83,662,344.6€
SPIRIT	Small Pitch Improved Resolution for Infrared Technology	Advanced passive and active sensors	Develop advanced integrated circuits, hybridised with advanced IR materials.	Technologies for optronic detectors	Integrated Detector Electronics Kongsberg Defence & Aerospace	39,162,824.44

National EDF focal points (NFPs)

Support the implementation of the European Defence Fund:

- Working closely with EU Commission (DG DEFIS) they will reach out to stakeholders, notably applicants and potential applicants
- Provide information and advice to potential applicants and beneficiaries of the EDF programme
- Assist in building partnerships throughout the EDF life cycle.

Find all information about EDF [here](#), including:

- Work Programme and Calls
- Info Days 2026 recorded sessions and presentations



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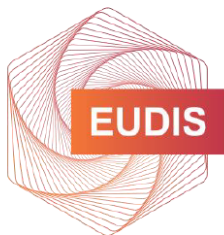
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Support tracks



DEFENCE HACKATHONS

- Teams in 8 countries
- Twice a year
- Open to UA participants



BUSINESS ACCELERATOR

- Customised coaching and mentoring, bootcamps
- 8 months
- 20 companies per cohort, 2 calls per year



DEFENCE EQUITY FACILITY

- Access to risk-capital
- 7 funds (Keen, Nasza, Omnes, Project A, Sienna, Day One, Join Capital), more to come



€ 1.5 billion



EDF R&D GRANTS AND BUSINESS COACHING

- SME calls, Technological Challenge, Spin in calls, Disruptive tech call
- Financial support to third parties
- SME Business Coaching



MATCHMAKING

- Connection with companies and investors
- Open to UA



DEFENCE TECH FORGES & TESTING

- Rapid development, UA needs
- Iterative testing
- BraveTech EU





EUDIS Defence Business Accelerator - Part of EDF

Supports a cohort of 20 **startups and scaleups** through an 8 month defence accelerator programme focused on strengthening their position in the European defence industrial ecosystem

- Non-dilutive **120 000€** seed voucher
- 5 onsite **bootcamps** in strategic EU countries
- Strategic networking in the European defence ecosystem
- Workshops from **top-tier defence experts**
- Unique **access to testing facilities** - to speed up product development and technical coaching
- Tailored **coaching & ad-hoc expertise** hours (300 +)



EUDIS Business Accelerator eligibility check is carried out by the consortium on a rolling basis during the selection phase

Your eligibility will be assessed against the following criteria:

1

Localization

- Must be a registered legal entity **within an EU member state or Norway**
- Must **not be controlled by any entity based outside of the EU or Norway**

2

Technology Theme Relevance

- Value proposition must **align directly with the program's defined technology themes**
- Open category applicants must demonstrate a clear and relevant offering **specifically for the defence industry**

3

Financial Capability

- Should have secured at least **€200,000 in total funding** (dilutive or non-dilutive)
- Alternatively, should demonstrate a **Year-over-Year revenue exceeding €200,000**


4

Company Maturity

- Must operate with an **established management team**
- Must have a core group of **full-time employees covering both technology and business development**

Each criterion will receive a **Yes/No answer**, and only applications meeting **all four conditions** will be advanced to the next phase

How to apply?

- Choose your company's Tech theme 
- Fill in the online application form <https://tally.so/r/GxL66O>
- Ownership & Control Declaration
- Evaluation Deck – max 15 slides
- Video pitch presentation

Deadline: **30th of May**

Two more deadlines in 2027

Theme	Domain
Information & Decision Superiority	Air, Land, Maritime, Cyber, Space
Autonomous Systems & Robotics for Operational Advantage	Air, Land, Maritime, Space
Counter-Drone & Protection Against Mass Low-Cost Threats	Air, Land, Maritime
Sovereign & Resilient Defence Infrastructure	Air, Land, Maritime, Cyber, Space
Next-Generation Human Performance, Training & Protection	Air, Land, Maritime, Cyber
Scalable Manufacturing & Adaptive Sustainment for High-Intensity Operations	Air, Land, Maritime, Cyber, Industrial Base
Open Topic – Disruptive technologies for Defence Superiority	Land, air, maritime, cyber and Space



EUDIS Business Accelerator selection process is set to proceed with top 20 most promising companies

Your application will be assessed against the **evaluation criteria** set out below¹ :

1

Relevance of technology for defence

- Alignment with **EU Defence priorities, EDF objectives/needs and selected themes**
- Does the solution address **current & emerging demand** within the European defence sector?

25%

2

Degree of Innovation

- Does the solution show **clear disruptive potential**?
- Does the technology **stand out from others** in the defence sector?
- Is there a **unique technical innovation** that competitors lack?

25%

3

Alignment from Problem to Solution

- Is the problem stated with **precision and operational relevance**?
- Does the proposed solution demonstrate **credible effectiveness**?
- Is the defence market potential convincing relative to **costs and alternatives**?

20%

4

Technology Maturity for Business Engagements

- Is the solution mature enough for early **commercial and defence use**?
- Does the company show **credible go to market readiness**?
- Are partnership efforts developed **well enough to support adoption**?

20%

5

Team strengths & diversity

- Does the founding team have a **track record of successful start-ups**?
- Does the team have relevant defence industry **expertise and experience**?
- Does the team bring **diversity** in terms of skills, backgrounds, etc

10%



EUDIS Defence Business Accelerator

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Focus markets

Orchard



Soil cultivation, seeding, weed management and mowing

Groundcare



Large scale grass mowing
Aeration

Defence



Survey and data collection
Logistics
Custom applications

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The screenshot shows the homepage of the EUDIS Matchmaking website. At the top, there is a navigation menu with links for Home, Programme, Events, Blog, FAQs, and Contacts. A prominent orange button labeled "Join Matchmaking" is located in the top right corner. The main visual is a large image of a person's profile looking at a laptop screen displaying code. A small European Union flag and the text "PROGRAMME OF THE EUROPEAN UNION" are overlaid on the bottom left of this image. Below the main image, the heading "Connecting the European Defence Ecosystem" is displayed in orange. At the bottom, there are four category tiles, each with a plus sign icon and a corresponding image: "Innovators" (a hallway with a glowing screen), "Investors" (two people shaking hands), "Corporates" (a group of people in a meeting), and "End-users" (military personnel in a field).

Interested in more information on EU programmes? Contact us!

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