

EUROPEAN
DEFENCE FUND

EDF CALLS FOR
PROPOSALS 2025

Il Fondo sostiene **la ricerca e lo sviluppo** di tecnologie avanzate nei settori della difesa aerea, navale, terrestre, spaziale e cibernetica, con un budget di **oltre € 1 miliardo nel 2025**, supportando in particolare le PMI e le MidCap, rafforzando la competitività industriale e l'interoperabilità, riducendo la frammentazione degli investimenti in Europa.

È richiesto un partenariato minimo composto da **3 imprese ubicate in 3 diversi Stati Membri dell'UE**. Possibilità di un consorzio a 2 imprese nel caso di progetti con tecnologie dirompenti.

Il grant, o **fondo perduto, copre fino al 100% dei costi elegibili**.

Il Programma di Lavoro EDF 2025 supporta 33 call for proposal, strutturate in:

- ❑ **call tematiche** (es., tecnologie dello spazio, cybersecurity, resilienza energetica, etc.);
- ❑ **call non tematiche** (favorire la partecipazione delle PMI, enti di ricerca, etc.);
- ❑ **azioni a sostegno di contromisure di tipo medico** (es., vaccini e terapie contro attacchi biologici e chimici, decontaminazione siti, etc.).

I bandi resteranno aperti da aprile al **16 ottobre 2025**.

BSF supporta le imprese nella valutazione della applicabilità del bando all'investimento e la predisposizione della domanda di partecipazione.



CATEGORIES	TOPICS (R: Research; D: Development actions)	Million €
Ground combat	- Technologies for counter-battery capabilities (R) - Future modular multifunctional land platforms and enabling technologies, including green technologies (D) - Land collaborative combat including air-land (D) - Drone-based affordable mass munitions (D)	192,0
Space	- On-orbit operations and services (D) - Space-based ISR constellation (D)	115,0
Air combat	- Collaborative air combat (D) - Enhanced pilot environment (D)	103,0
Energy resilience and environmental transition	- Propulsion system for next generation rotorcrafts (R) - Naval hybrid propulsion and power systems (R) - Aircraft propulsion and energy management systems (D)	93,0
Non- thematic calls for innovative and future-oriented defence solutions focused on SMEs	- Call for proposals dedicated to SMEs and research organisations (R) - Call for proposals dedicated to SMEs (D) - Call for proposals for coordination and support action to the National Focal Points (NFP) network	67,0
Advanced passive and active sensors	- Multi-band 4D Radar technologies (D) - Infrared detectors (D)	58,5
Cyber	- Risk, robustness and resilience for autonomous vehicles in military operations (R) - Improved cyber defence operations capabilities (D)	54,0
Naval combat	Digital Ship and Naval Combat Cloud (D)	54,0
Underwater warfare	- Stand-off anti-submarine warfare engagement (R) - Advanced underwater networks (D)	45,0
Simulation and training	- Multi-disciplinary design and analysis framework for Aerial Systems (R) - Live, virtual, constructive training interoperability (R)	43,0
Disruptive technologies	- Great-depth enabling technologies (R) - Non-thematic research actions targeting disruptive technologies for defence (R)	43,0
Information superiority	European Multifunctional Information Distribution System (R)	39,0
Other actions	- Business Coaching in the European Defence Fund - EUDIS Business Accelerator - EUDIS Matchmaking Services for companies and investors - Defence Equity Facility under InvestEU for SMEs and Mid-Caps - EUDIS Defence Hackathon in 8 locations - EDF outreach and communication - Technical and administrative assistance for the EDF implementation	37,2
Defence medical support, CBRN, biotech and human factors	- Defence medical countermeasures Alliance – Research and Development actions (2 topics) (R) + (D) - Autonomous triage and evacuation (R)	35,0
Force protection and mobility	Full-size demonstrators for next generation soldier systems (D)	35,0
Digital transformation	Privacy-preserving human-AI dialogue systems – Participation in and Organisation of a technological challenge (2 topics) (R)	27,0
Materials and components	Chiplets for defence applications (R)	25,0

