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### European Defence Fund: €1 billion to boost the EU's defence capabilities and new tools for defence innovation

On 25 May, the Commission announced the adoption of the second annual work programme of the [European Defence Fund](#) (EDF). The EDF 2022 work programme **will allocate up to a total of €924 million in funding**. Additionally, the 2022 work programme introduces a series of **new tools to promote defence innovation**, all under one new umbrella called the [EU Defence Innovation Scheme](#). Already announced in the Commission's Defence Package, EUDIS will be working in close partnership with EDA's Innovation Hub.

The 2022 EDF work programme addresses in total **33 topics** structured along eight calls for proposals - to be opened early June - to kick-start a number of large emblematic projects.

It **targets relevant defence technologies and capabilities** in line with the EU capability priorities commonly agreed by Member States and further elaborated in the Strategic Compass.

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### **EDF Information Day and Networking Event on 30 June & 1 July 2022**

In view of the upcoming publication of the European Defence Fund (EDF) 2022 calls for proposals, the European Commission is inviting you to an **Information day and a Networking event on 30 June and 1 July**. You can participate **on-site in Brussels or online**.

The event will be an opportunity to **learn** about the content, participation modalities and submission process of the EDF 2022 calls for proposals, and to **network** with potential partners.

Potential applicants from public and private entities established in the EU Member States and Norway and other stakeholders interested in the EDF calls for proposals are invited to participate.

The **registration deadline** is 23 June for physical participation and 27 June for online participation.

[Register at the event HERE](#)

# INVESTMENT GAPS IN EU DEFENCE

#EUDefenceIndustry



## European Commission calls for joint procurement in defence and strengthening the industrial base

The **European Commission** and the **High Representative** on 18th of May 2022 issued the [Joint Communication on the Defence Investment Gaps Analysis](#), proposing further measures to strengthen the European defence industrial and technological base.

Member States recently announced increases in their defence budgets close to €200 billion in coming years, after substantial cuts and severe underinvestment over the last two decades. The **Communication calls on the EU Member States to avoid uncoordinated spending** which results in further fragmentation on the demand and supply side.

The Commission and European Defence Agency assessed the capability gap based on the new security situation. Following this analysis, **it is suggested to focus on three issues** as urgent short-term priorities:

- **replenishing stockpiles**
- **replacing Soviet-era legacy systems**
- **and reinforcing air and missile defence systems.**

The Communication also indicates several capability developments needed in the air, maritime, ground, space and cyber defence domains.

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**Need more information on the European defence Fund?  
You have R&D ideas related to defence?  
Get in touch with your National Focal Point!**

**National Focal Points** (NFPs) are individuals nominated by EU Member States and Norway, supported by national structures established under the responsibility and

control of those countries.

**NFPs support the implementation of the European Defence Fund (EDF)** - the European Commission's initiative to **support** collaborative defence research and development, and to **foster** an innovative and competitive defence industrial base.

Working closely with DG DEFIS of the Commission, they **reach out to stakeholders to provide information and advice** to potential applicants and beneficiaries of the EDF and assist in building partnerships.

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Aerospace & Defence

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### Kick off meeting of the Aerospace and Defence Sector Group of the Enterprise Europe Network

The aerospace and defence sectors are **high technology, strategic domains, global drivers of innovation and technological solutions** that contribute to the EU goals in terms of green and digital transition as well as geopolitics and strategic autonomy.

With this in mind, on 30 May, the e-kick off of the Aerospace and Defence Sector Group of the [Enterprise Europe Network](#) (EEN) took place. The Sector Group covers **manufacturing companies** in the field of aeronautics, space and defence, space operators, data and service providers and research institutes.

The meeting was a privileged opportunity for the various members of the group **to connect, be informed** about the funding possibilities offered by the European Defence Fund and the new policy priorities for SMEs. Important **catchwords** during this meeting were: **breaking the silos, resilience, digitalisation, collaborating with clusters** as well as **reinforcing the partnership with the national focal points for the EDF**.

If you have an interest in working together with the EEN Aerospace and Defence Sector Group, please do not hesitate to get in touch with [Daniele Dosi](#).

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