

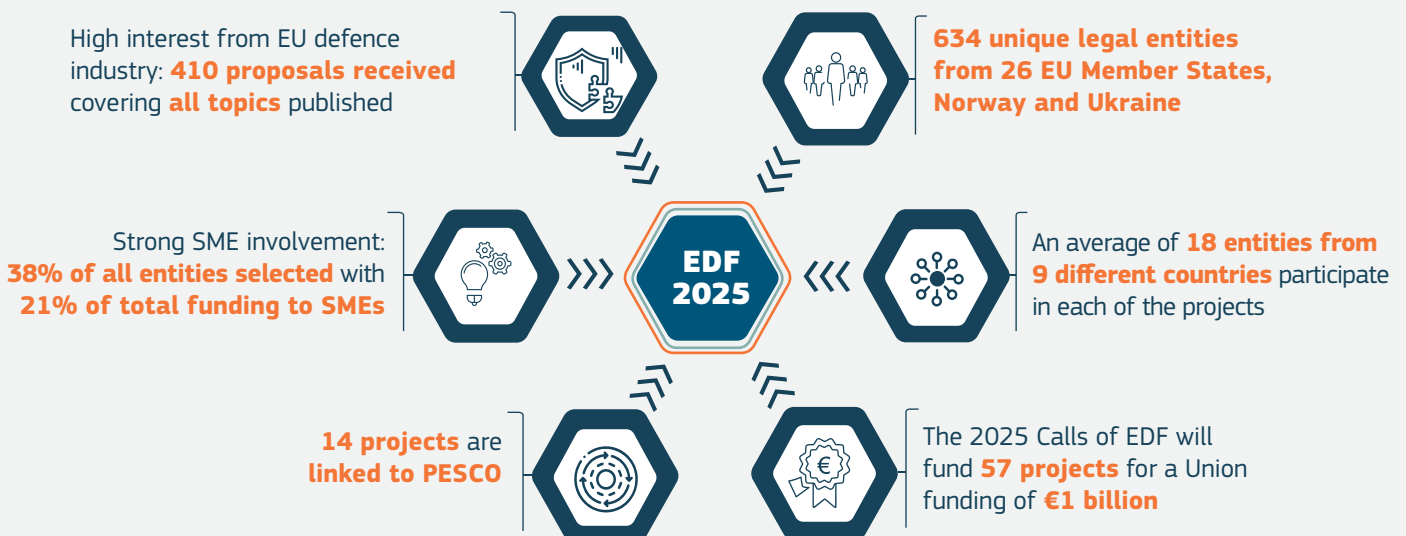
EDF 2025 CALL RESULTS

EU invests in **57** ambitious defence projects with **€1 billion** funding

As Europe confronts an escalating and rapidly shifting threat environment—exemplified by Russia’s ongoing aggression in Ukraine—the **European Defence Fund** (EDF) remains a cornerstone in fostering innovation, industrial resilience, and collaborative capability development. It also contributes directly to the **Defence Readiness Roadmap 2030**, which sets an ambitious and time-bound agenda to ensure Europe can credibly deter adversaries and respond to high-intensity conflicts by the end of the decade.

The Commission will invest **€1 billion** in **57* new EDF projects**, bringing total EU funding for collaborative defence R&D to over €5 billion since 2021. The selected proposals respond to the funding priorities of the 2025 EDF work programme, addressing **31 topics** structured along four thematic calls for proposals, plus bottom-up calls focused on SMEs.

KEY FIGURES OF EDF 2025



Strong support to industry across a range of high impact research and development actions in EDF 2025

TOTAL EDF INVESTMENT TO DATE

2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025 total funding: **€5 billion** invested in the European Defence Technological and Industrial Base (EDTIB)

€3423 million
Development

€1647 million
Research

€675 million
for collaborative capability **development** projects



€332 million
for collaborative defence **research** to address emerging/future challenges and threats

HIGHLIGHTS OF EDF 2025 FUNDING

EDF 2025 funds flagship projects contributing to EU strategic autonomy and resilience



Drone Defence Initiative

AETHER aims to design and demonstrate a next-generation European unmanned aerial system combining endurance, autonomy, and stealth.



Eastern Flank Watch

FAMOUS3 aims at maximising synergies, standardisation, commonalities and interoperability of European armoured vehicles, and to lower the life cycle costs.

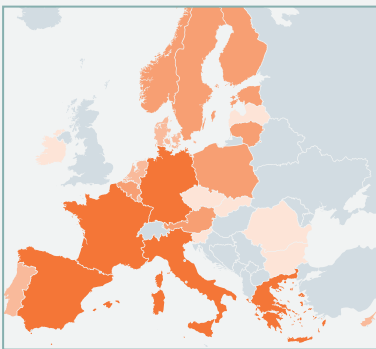


European Space Shield

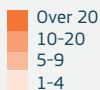
SPIDER2 addresses developments of multi-mission affordable satellites dedicated to space-based intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance for defence use-cases.

In addition, major projects will be funded in other categories such as Ground, CBRN, Soldier Protection, Underwater Warfare, as well as in technology areas such AI, Quantum, Cyber.

More than 15 projects in EDF 2025 support the European Readiness Flagships identified in the Defence Readiness Roadmap 2030.



Number of participants



The four European Readiness Flagships are:

- Drone Defence Initiative
- European Air Shield
- Eastern Flank Watch
- European Space Shield

126 SMEs will participate in 23 groundbreaking proposals submitted to disruptive non-thematic calls, with a total allocation of close to €27 million for strategic technological challenges, namely privacy-preserving human-AI dialogue systems.**



* In addition, two projects have been selected for the EDF-2025-DA-SGA-MCBRN-MCM-STEP call in a separate award decision, the project factsheets can be found alongside the other published EDF2025 factsheets

** SMEs are also present across all thematic projects

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