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# European Defence Fund Work Programme 2026

| 31 topics   | Calls are open for submission  | Deadline for submission: 29 SEPT 2026 17:00 CET   |
|---|--|---|
|  <b>Medical Response &amp; CBRN</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SGA under FPA on medical countermeasures <b>6.5 M€</b></li> <li>SGA under FPA on medical countermeasures <b>18.5 M€</b></li> <li>CBRN decontamination systems and tech <b>15 M€</b></li> </ul>  |  <b>Air combat</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Air-to-air refuelling <b>20 M€</b></li> <li>Self-protection systems <b>24 M€</b></li> <li>Smart Technologies for fighter systems <b>25 M€</b></li> </ul> |
|  <b>Information superiority</b>      | <i>Not addressed in 2026</i>   |  <b>Air &amp; missile defence</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Countering HGV (direct award) <b>68 M€</b></li> <li>Endo-atmospheric interceptor <b>100 M€</b></li> </ul>                                 |
|  <b>Sensors</b>                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Multidomain sensors demonstrator <b>20 M€</b></li> <li>Enhanced Cognitive EW <b>24 M€</b></li> </ul>  |  <b>Ground combat</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Multiple rocket launcher system <b>25 M€</b></li> <li>Main battle tank <b>125 M€</b></li> </ul>   |
|  <b>Cyber</b>                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Quantum secured networks <b>14 M€</b></li> </ul>  |  <b>Protection &amp; Mobility</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Future multirole light aircraft <b>15 M€</b></li> <li>Secure digital military mobility <b>9 M€</b></li> </ul>                             |
|  <b>Space</b>                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PRS receivers/NAVWAR <b>50 M€</b></li> </ul>  |  <b>Naval combat</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Medium-size semi-autonomous surface vessel <b>90 M€</b></li> </ul>   |
|  <b>Digital transformation</b>       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>AI-based tactical situational awareness <b>30 M€</b></li> <li>Multi-domain operations cloud <b>40 M€</b></li> </ul>   |  <b>Underwater warfare</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Flow-related underwater noise <b>10 M€</b></li> <li>Critical seabed infrastructure protection <b>30 M€</b></li> </ul>                            |
|  <b>Energy &amp; Environment</b>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Turbofan engine (spin-in) <b>20 M€</b></li> <li>High-performance energy <b>20 M€</b></li> <li>Ammunition waste collection and disposal <b>10 M€</b></li> </ul>  |  <b>Simulation &amp; training</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>M&amp;S AI framework <b>16 M€</b></li> </ul>   |
|  <b>Materials &amp; Components</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Smart and multifunctional textiles <b>20 M€</b></li> </ul>  |  <b>Disruptive technologies</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Over-the-horizon radar <b>29 M€</b></li> <li>DIS action <b>27 M€</b></li> </ul>   |
|  <b>Others</b>                     | Other actions (outreach, IT, studies, audit, IM, matchmaking) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Business coaching for SMEs <b>10.6M€</b></li> <li>Equity funding for SMEs/Mid-Caps <b>1.8 M€</b></li> <li>Business accelerating services <b>20 M€</b></li> <li>EDF hackathon events <b>6.2 M€</b></li> <li><b>1.3 M€</b></li> </ul> |  <b>SMEs</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Research for SMEs and ROs <b>35 M€</b></li> <li>Non-thematic development for SMEs <b>30 M€</b></li> </ul>  |

Legend: **Research** **Development** **EUDIS-related**

Source: European Commission 2026

# EDF Work Programme 2026

## Current opportunities to work with Ukrainian partners within EDF:

- **Associated partner** – cost not eligible for EDF funding
- **Service suppliers** – purchase of goods, works and services needed to carry out the action - cannot constitute a core task of the project
- **EU entities with UA owners** – eligible as beneficiary/ subcontractor involved in the action subject to provision of approved guarantees
- **Financial Support for Third Parties (FSTP)** i.e. Cascade Funding (generalized for all call topics in EDF 2026)

## Important: Ukraine to become an Associated Country to EDF in 2026!

- UA entities will be able to participate with EU funding (once association agreement in force – this is anticipated to be finalised in the coming months).
- For example, testing activities with Ukrainian partners possible in the projects
- This means it will also be possible to include Ukrainian partners to ongoing projects via amendment process

Find details about the EDF 2026 Work Programme [here](#)

# Other forthcoming opportunities

## **BraveTechEU:** 50M€ from EDF and 50M€ from Ukraine

- In cooperation with European Commission, Ukrainian Ministry of Defence and European Defence Agency
- Call opening in the near future: very fast call cycles!

## **Ukraine Support Instrument, USI:** 300 M€ under the European Defence Industry Programme, EDIP, enables closer cooperation with EU Member States defence industries and Ukrainian defence industry

- Calls expected to open later this year
- Innovation support programme - 35M€ for small grants

**BRAVENATO - UNITE:** Teams of Allied and Ukrainian companies will be eligible for joint grants worth a total value of EUR 10 million (for the first competition), allocated equally by NATO and Ukraine. Companies will be able to register interest online and subsequently submit their joint bids. Planned solicitation release in April 2026, see for updates [here](#).



**Thank you!**

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