

	EDA's ad-hocs	European Defence Fund (EDF)		European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) Access to EDA's support platform → "See EDA's ESIF success stories" ←			Connecting Europe Facility (CEF)	ERASMUS+ Access to EDA's support platform			COSME Access to EDA's support platform		European Investment Bank (EIB)	Horizon 2020		
	Cat. A and Cat. B	Preparatory Action on Defence Research (PADR)	European Defence Industrial Development Programme (EDIDP) [proposal]	European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)	European Territorial Cooperation goal (ETC): Interreg	European Social Fund (ESF) ¹	CEF Transport: Single European Sky ATM Research (SESAR)	Learning mobility of individuals	Strategic Partnerships	Knowledge Alliances	Financial instruments ²	Access to markets	Major project direct loans	Thematic areas	SME ³ instrument	Financial instruments
SCOPE	DEFENCE CAPABILITIES and COOPERATIVE R&T	EU BUDGET SUPPORTING DEFENCE R&T	EU DEFENCE INDUSTRY'S COMPETITIVENESS and INNOVATION / STRATEGIC AUTONOMY	JOB CREATION, INNOVATION and COMPETITIVENESS	Cross-border/ Transnational COOPERATION	HUMAN CAPITAL training and skilling	EUROPEAN TRANSPORT INFRA-STRUCTURES	Mobility for VOCATIONAL EDUCATION and TRAINING (VET) of learners	INNOVATIVE PRACTICES: development / testing / implementation / transfer	INNOVATION in higher education and business	FINANCING SMEs	SME / CLUSTER ACCESS to MARKETS	EU POLICY POLICIES	TRANSNATIONAL RESEARCH and INNOVATION (R&I)	RESEARCH and INNOVATION in SMEs	Access to RISK FINANCE for R&I
(for) WHAT ⁴	Cooperative defence R&T / capability projects	Cooperative defence R&T projects	Projects on cooperative development / upgrade of technologies / prototypes / products (within common defence capability priorities)	Productive (cooperative) investment projects in the defence sector. Projects modernising the defence supply chains. Defence and dual-use activities in research and innovation		Projects on key skills and competencies in both the defence and dual-use domains	(Cooperative) Works or studies, or a combination of both. Pilot activities can be part of the project	Projects on transnational mobility / placement (incl. internships) towards Higher Education and VET organisations ⁵ / companies (also in defence), for students / trainees / apprentices	Projects (incl. transnational training, exchange of experience and know-how) on, e.g.: planning professional development for staff (also in defence), increased capacity to work at international level	Projects fostering / stimulating innovation / creativity / entrepreneurial skills of graduates and/or company staff	Enterprise expansion and growth	Internationalisation of SMEs	Dual-use R&T+D projects (economically, financially, technically, environmentally sound) furthering EU policy goals	Civil purpose / applications of dual-use research and innovation projects	Civil purpose / applications of dual-use research and innovation projects	Enterprise viability and growth
WHO (can apply) ⁶	Enterprises. Research-and-Technology Organisations (RTOs). Universities. Consortia.	Transnational consortia [of e.g. enterprises, RTOs, Universities, Governmental bodies, from Member States (MS) + NO]	Consortia of eligible entities (min. 3 from 2 MS)	Enterprises. Clusters. Universities. RTOs. Ministries of Defence (MoDs). Other private / public organisations. Consortia	Transnational consortia from pre-identified territories (members may be as in ERDF)	As in ERDF. VET organisations	MS(s). If concerned MS(s) agree: international organisations, joint undertakings, public/private undertakings / bodies (e.g. industry, Universities, RTOs) established in EU	Transnational consortia (led by a VET organisation) incl. any organisation active in the labour market (e.g.: enterprise, RTO, industry association, public body)	Consortia (of e.g. any enterprise, MoDs / public bodies, education / training / trade organisations): min. 3 organisations (from 3 MS+NO)	Consortia [of enterprise (min. 2), higher education institutions (min. 2), MoDs / public bodies, trade / training organisations]: min. 6 organisations (from 3 MS+NO)	Defence-related SMEs in EU projects. "Dual-use SMEs" (but EIF restricted sectors ⁷)	Transnational partnerships: min. 3 clusters (min. 1 defence-related ⁸) / business organisations (from 3 MS)	Enterprises. Public-private partnerships. Public bodies (but EIB excluded activities ⁹)	Consortia (min. 3 entities from 3 MS)	SMEs	Innovative ¹⁰ SMEs, Mid-Caps ¹¹ , Larger Caps (but EIB excluded activities / EIF restricted sectors)
WHICH (funding tool)	National funding (MoDs)	Grants	Grants. Public procurement	Grants. Loans. Guarantees. Equity	Grants. Loans	Grants. Loans	Grants	Grants	Grants	Grants	Loans. Equity	Grants	Loans	Grants. Prizes. (Pre-commercial) public procurement (of innovative solutions)	Grants	Loans. Loan guarantees. Equity

WHEN	Anytime	2017-2019: annual calls for proposals	2018-2019	2014-2020: calls for proposals and/or (continuously) «open window»	2014-2020: calls for proposals and/or (continuously) «open window»	2014-2020: calls for proposals and/or (continuously) «open window»	2014-2020: calls for proposals	2014-2020: calls for proposals	2014-2020: calls for proposals	2014-2020: calls for proposals	2014-2020: always open (demand-driven ¹²)	2014-2020: calls for proposals	Anytime	2014-2020: (normally) open call for project proposal	2014-2020 (3-4 cut-off dates per year)	2014-2020: always open (demand-driven)
WHERE (to apply)	EDA's CapTechs / PTs - IDTs	Participant Portal	Not available yet	Managing Authorities in MS	Managing Authorities in MS	Managing Authorities in MS	INEA	National Agencies	National Agencies	EACEA	Financial intermediaries	EASME	EIB	European Commission and JUs (Brussels)	EASME	Financial intermediaries
QUANTUM (HOW MUCH)	Not defined	Defined in the call text (specific budget defined per topic)	Not available yet	Defined in the call text (≤ €50 mn; but also above if EC approves)	Defined in the call text (≤ €50 mn; but also above if EC approves)	Defined in the call text	Defined in the call text	Defined in the call text	≤ € 150 000 yearly (max. 3 years)	≤ € 700 000 (if 2 years); ≤ € 1 mn (if 3 years)	Loans: ≤ €150 000 for all SMEs; above only for "non-innovative" SMEs	Defined in the call text	≤ 50% of a project, whose total investment cost ≥ €25 mn (but to Mid-Caps also > € 7.5m)	Defined in the call text (funding range: €1-50 mn)	Phase I: €50 000 (lump sum) per project. Phase II: €500 000-2,5 mn	Loans: between €25 000 and €7,5 mn
HOW	(MoDs in) EDA's CapTechs / PTs - IDTs	Project application (via the Participant Portal)	Not available yet	Project application	Project application	Project application	Project application	Project application	Project application	Project application	No need for project or business plan ¹³	Project application	Project	Project application (Horizon 2020 participant portal)	Project application (Horizon 2020 participant portal)	No need for project or business plan

¹ ERDF + ESF are together often referred to simply as «Structural Funds».

² **Financial instruments:** notably loans, guarantees, equity investments («money that has to be repaid back by the recipient»: no grants / subsidies).

³ **SME definition:** see EC Recommendation (2003/361/EC), 6 May 2003.

⁴ This is meant under an EDA perspective only.

⁵ **VET organisations:** to identify them, contact your National Agency.

⁶ This is meant under an EDA perspective only.

⁷ **EIF (European Investment Fund) restricted sectors:** «The EIF applies restrictions to ... the financing of the production of and trade in weapons and ammunition of any kind. This restriction does not apply to the extent such activities are part of or accessory to explicit EU policies» (Guidelines on the EIF Restricted Sectors, Board of Directors, 13/07/2010).

⁸ **Defence-related cluster/business organisation:** «(one of the members of) such entity is either a member of a National Defence Industry Association, or devoting part of its sales to the defence markets or taking part in national or European defence-related projects» (see COS-CLUSINT-2017-03-6, § 6.2, European Commission, ref. ARES(2017)4355188 – 06/09/2017).

⁹ **EIB (European Investment Bank) excluded activities:** «Activities excluded from EIB lending (22 April 2013) - Type of activities: 1) Ammunition and weapons, military/police equipment or infrastructure. Comments/Clarifications: includes explosives and sporting weapons».

¹⁰ **Innovative entities:** see Annex III to EIF Open Call for Expression of Interest to select Financial Intermediaries under InnovFin SME Guarantee facility, «2. Innovation Eligibility Criteria»: pages 9-10.

¹¹ **Mid-Caps:** 250-3000 employees.

¹² **Demand-driven:** «first-come, first-served» basis.

¹³ Case has to be made for overall entity financial viability.