

Proofs of concept aimed at enhancing circularity in defence applications**Info Session on 18/10/2024 – Q&A***1. Could you please clarify if the budget is per project?*

The budget range is between 75,000 to 300,000 EUR per project (sum for all applicants involved) regardless of the topic. Up to 5 projects will be funded.

2. Could you please confirm who will do the evaluation?

The evaluation committee members will be appointed by EDA . Their names will not be disclosed.

3. Is the cost structure open?

Please refer to the Call for proposals and its annexes. EDA grants are calculated on the basis of a detailed estimated budget indicating clearly the costs that are eligible for EU funding.

There is no requirement on the share of each cost category. However, the allocation among categories is part of the evaluation under Sub-criterion 4.2 “Appropriateness and transparency of the budget and resources and their consistency with the work plan”.

4. What is the funding rate?

The grant amount may neither exceed the eligible costs nor the amount requested. The EU grant is limited to a maximum co-funding rate of 95% of eligible costs incurred in the implementation of the specific actions taking into account the maximum grant amount referred to in section 4. Consequently, part of the total eligible expenses entered in the estimated budget must be financed from sources other than the EU grant. For the selected projects, beneficiaries will be required to report their actual costs with the same cost category structure.

5. Is the share of the co-funding an award criterion?

No.

6. Which are the payment modalities?

Please refer to Section 12.3 of the Call for Proposals. There will be a pre-financing and a final payment at the end of the project.

7. Which is the rate of indirect costs?

Please refer to section 12.2.4 of the Call for Proposals. A flat-rate amount of 7% of the total eligible direct costs of the action excluding subcontracting costs is eligible under indirect costs, representing the beneficiary's general administrative costs which can be regarded as chargeable to the action/project. Please not that indirect costs are only eligible if generated by eligible direct costs.

8. *Where can I find the published Call for Proposals and its annexes?*

Proposal documents are available on EDA webpage: [24.ISE.CP.140 - Proofs of concept aimed at enhancing circularity in defence applications \(europa.eu\)](https://eda.europa.eu/24.ISE.CP.140)

9. *Can three entities participate in the consortium, two of which are from the same eligible country?*

Yes, each consortium shall be composed of at least two (2) entities, from at least two eligible countries.

10. *May a consortium consist in solely academic partners?*

Yes, it may. Beyond the minimum requirement of two applicants/beneficiaries There is no requirement on the composition of the consortium.

11. *Will IPR belong to the consortium?*

The granting authority does not obtain ownership of the results produced under the action. It obtains the rights of use. Please refer to Article 16 of the model grant agreement for more information.

12. *Are the project ideas/topics which must be addressed by the proposal mentioned on the EDA website?*

The topics are mentioned in the Call for Proposals. Please refer to section 1 and 2 of the call and links included therein.

13. *You referred to proof of concept, which is normally a rather low TRL, but do you expect to have something in the market in the near future? You mentioned a plan for 5/10 years, that means that companies must be involved.*

For sub-criterion 2.1 “Expected impact”, the time of 5 and 10 years after the project is given as a common reference, taking into account that development times may differ depending on a scope of the respective proposals.

Applicants should explain why they select a certain time as reference to calculate the expected impact, noting that the above-mentioned sub-criterion also evaluates the robustness of the assumptions.

14. *Is the UK an eligible country for this call for proposals?*

No, only applicants registered in the EU MS are eligible.

15. *I do not have an EU account (ECAS), can I sign the documents with a normal esignature?*

Please refer to Section 17.1 of the Call for Proposals. In case the documents cannot be signed with Qualified Electronic Signature (QES), signature by blue ink is acceptable. In case the Declaration of Honour is signed in blue ink, the applicant shall send the original by post, mail, express mail or commercial courier to EDA premises not later than the deadline for submission of the proposals.

This deadline is therefore respected even if the Declaration of Honour is received by the EDA after this deadline under the condition that it was sent before the deadline. The evidence of the date of dispatch shall be constituted by the postmark or the date of the deposit slip, to EDA address.

16. *In the expected outcome (section 2.1), the call text mentions examples of “tangible results” but, in section 2.4, the only required deliverables are reports and a public summary. What is the reason for this?*

The list in section 2.4 is the minimum requirement. Applicants must target “tangible results” and describe the corresponding deliverables, which will be taken into account in the evaluation of sub-criteria 1.1, 1.2, 2.1, 2.2 and 3.1.

17. *Should the results (e.g. demonstrator) be directly linked to a military application?*

“Representative samples” (as mentioned in section 2.1) can be considered a tangible result. However, not justifying a link to a military application, may be negatively evaluated (e.g. under sub-criteria 1.1, 2.1, 2.2).

18. *Why are there two different e-mail addresses mentioned in the call text.*

Proposals shall be solely submitted by e-mail to the following e-mail address:
24.ISE.CP.140@eda.europa.eu.

The address Grant@eda.europa.eu may be used for questions and requests for clarification.