

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**Summary**

Having regard to the provisions of the Project Arrangement, signed under the EDA Cat B Project “Collaborative Procurement of soldier equipment” (hereafter Project), EDA in its capacity of contracting authority, is conducting a preliminary market consultation through a Request for Information (RFI) on behalf of the contributing MS (cMS) of the Project.

*If you are an economic operator based in the EU and Norway willing and capable to produce and deliver the above-mentioned types of Soldier Equipment, please submit your response by **11 August 2025 at 17:00 (Brussels time)** via email to JPSoEq-RFI@eda.europa.eu .*

EDA’s **Request for Information (RFI)** as **preliminary market consultation**.

Purpose: *The European Defence Agency (EDA) is conducting a Market Survey on behalf of the contributing Members of the “Collaborative Procurement of soldier equipment” to seek out manufacturers/suppliers based on the EU and Norway of Soldier Equipment in the scope of the Project, namely helmets and body armours for use by the armed forces of the cMS.*

This RFI is issued solely for planning and market analysis purposes and with a view to support the identification of potential economic operators established in the European Union and Norway, capable to manufacture and deliver the soldier equipment in the scope of the Project, namely helmets and body armours for use by the armed forces of the cMS.

This preliminary market consultation is NOT to be considered as a commitment by the EDA.

Participation by the economic operators in this RFI is completely VOLUNTARY and as such all costs to develop the response are to be borne by the participating economic operators.

All information provided in this consultation will be treated as commercially sensitive and shall not be disclosed outside EDA. Individual responses will be anonymised, and aggregated data will be used for analysis, planning and reporting purposes only. No company-specific information will be disclosed without prior explicit consent. EDA and its member states may use the responses in discussion at governmental entities level, free of charge.

Please note that participation in this consultation does not commit EDA or any of its member states to initiate any procurement procedure or to conclude any contract. Economic operators who will provide a response to the present consultation will not receive any advantage or any preferential treatment in the context of possible future competitive tendering.

Personal data that will be provided by participating in this consultation will be processed solely for that purpose by the EDA staff members assigned to this Project and in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 2018/1725, pursuant to Article 31 of Council Decision (CSFP) 2015/1835. Details concerning processing of your personal data are available in the [Privacy Statement](#) for processing of personal data in the context of EDA Procurement, Grant and Contracting activities.

All interested economic operators based in the EU and Norway are requested to provide the following information by filling in and signing (as appropriate) the attached Annexes:

- 1. Legal Entity Form – Annex 1*
- 2. Financial capacity (average turnover [EUR] over the past three years) – Annex 2*
- 3. Experience in supplying soldier equipment (helmets and/or body armours) over the past five (5) years – Annex 2*
- 4. Production capacity of soldier equipment (helmets and/or body armours) in the upcoming seven (7) years – Annex 2*
- 5. Qualification standards for soldier equipment (helmets and/or body armours) – Annex 2*
- 6. Availability of independent facilities and/or technical bodies available to ensure qualification for ballistic and non-ballistic performance of the soldier equipment (helmets and/or body armours), in accordance with relevant standards (NATO, ...) – Annex 2*
- 7. Storage life per type of soldier equipment (helmets and/or body armours) – Annex 2*
- 8. Service life per type of soldier equipment (helmets and/or body armours) – Annex 2*
- 9. Any additional remarks or comments, appropriate for the purpose of this RFI – Annex 2*