



Fostering a thriving industrial ecosystem

EDF – EDIP – ASAP – EDIRPA

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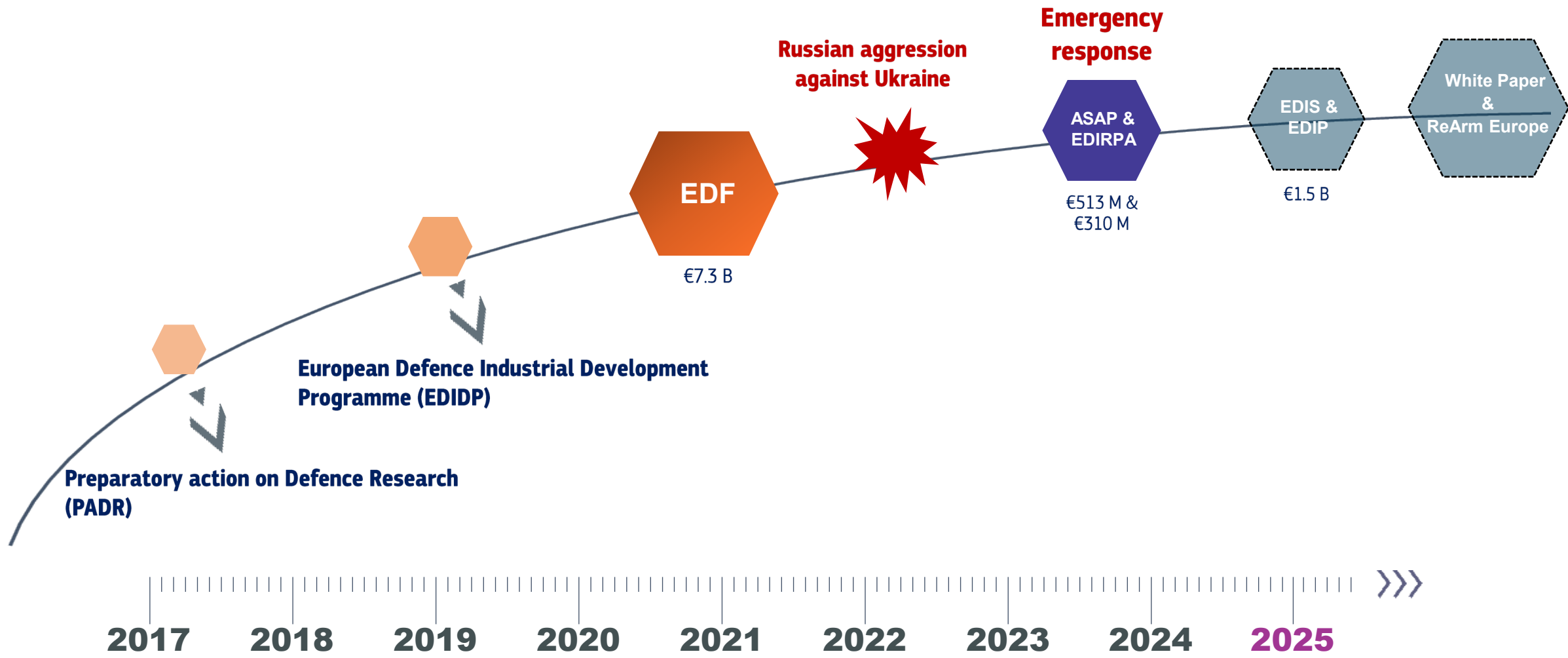
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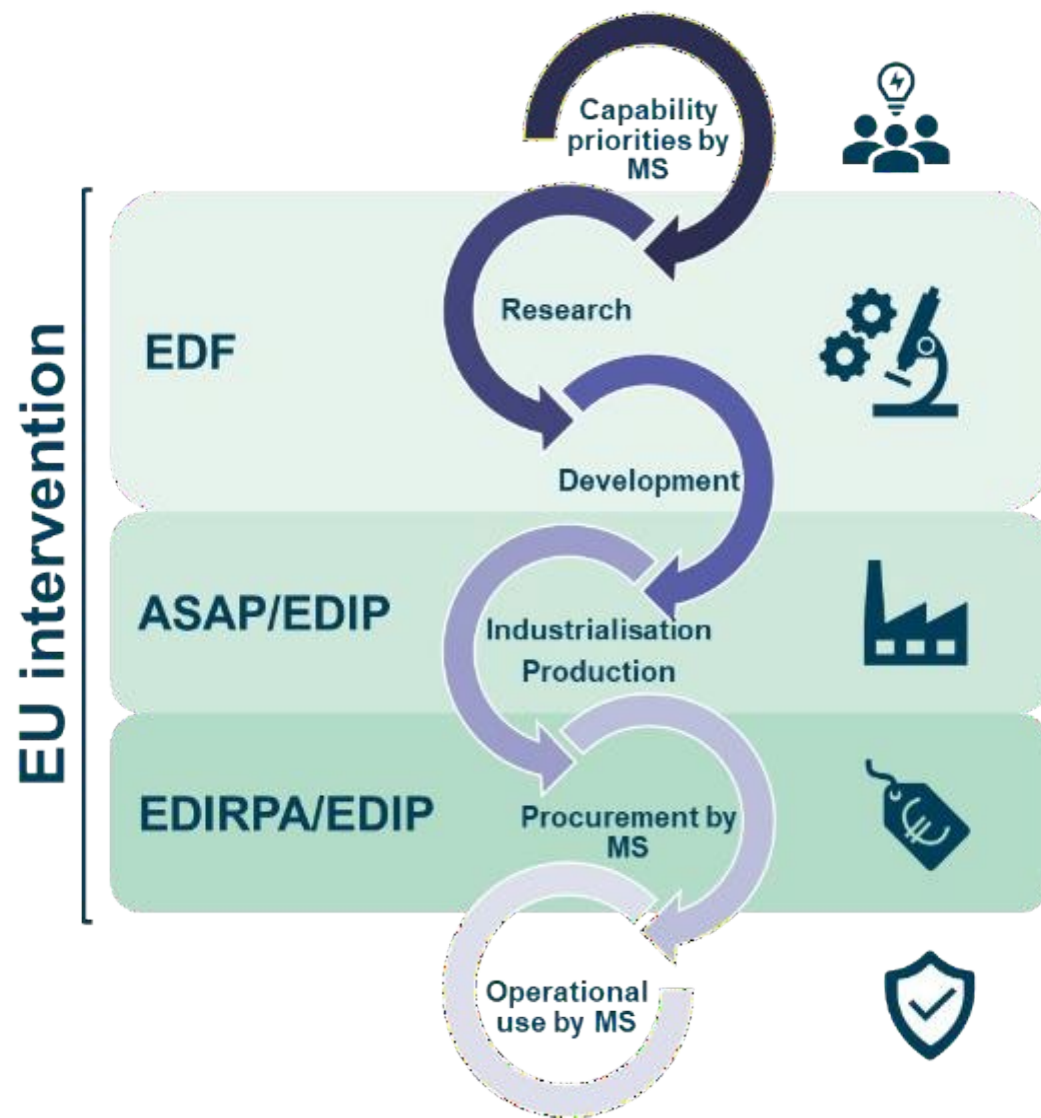
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EU ACTION: A COLLABORATIVE APPROACH TO DEFENCE INVESTMENT



ADDRESSING THE PROBLEM: THE LOGIC OF EU INTERVENTION

‘Downstream integration’ of EU intervention logic **to foster EU cooperation throughout the full investment cycle**



Foster a thriving, **self-sustained industrial defence ecosystem** to increase **EU readiness and mitigate dependencies**

























































EDF Work Programme 2025

EUR ~1.065 billion

33 topics

Opening of the calls: Mid-Feb 2025

Deadline for submission: 16 Oct 2025 17.00 CET

 Medical Response & CBRN	<ul style="list-style-type: none">SGA under FPA on medical countermeasures  SGA under FPA on medical countermeasures  Autonomous triage and evacuation 	13.5 M€ 11.5 M€ 10 M€
 Information superiority	<ul style="list-style-type: none">EU MIDS  	39 M€
 Sensors	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Multi-band 4D radar  Infrared detectors  	29.5 M€ 29 M€
 Cyber	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Robustness of autonomous vehicles (spin-in)  Improved cyber defence operation capabilities  	20 M€ 34 M€
 Space	<ul style="list-style-type: none">On-orbit operations and services (spin-in) Space-based ISR constellation 	49 M€ 66 M€
 Digital transformation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Human-AI dialogue systems (challenge)  	27 M€
 Energy & Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Propulsion system for next generation rotorcrafts Naval hybrid propulsion and power systems (spin-in)  Aircraft propulsion and energy management systems  	25 M€ 20 M€ 48 M€
 Materials & Components	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Chiplet for defence applications  	25 M€
 Air combat	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Collaborative air combat Enhanced pilot environment 	49 M€ 54 M€
 Air & missile defence	Not addressed	
 Ground combat	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Counter-battery capabilitiesFuture modular multipurpose land platforms Drone-based mass munitions (spin-in, cascade funding)Land collaborative combat including air-land 	20 M€ 79 M€ 49 M€ 44 M€
 Protection & Mobility	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Soldier systems (cascade funding) 	35 M€
 Naval combat	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Digital ship and naval combat cloud  	54 M€
 Underwater warfare	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Advanced underwater networks  Stand-off anti-submarine warfare 	25 M€ 20 M€
 Simulation & training	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Design and analysis framework for Aerial Systems Live, Virtual, Constructive training interoperability  	28 M€ 15 M€
 Disruptive technologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Great-Depth Enabling Technologies (R)Non-thematic research topic	23 M€ 20 M€
 SMEs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Non-thematic research for SMEs and ROsNon-thematic development for SMEs	34 M€ 33 M€

Legend:

Research

Development

 STEP

 EUDIS-related



Contributing to identified EDF main expected outcomes



Others

Other actions (outreach, IT, studies, audit, indirect management)

Business coaching for SMEs	6,6 M€
Blending facility for equity funding for SMEs/Mid-Caps	1.6 M€
Business accelerating services	20 M€
Matchmaking events for investors and SMEs	3.8 M€
EDF hackathon events	0.6 M€
CSA for EDF NFP network	0.6 M€
	2 M€

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DEFIS



EUDIS

EUDIS tracks for defence tech founders & investors



GRANTS & BUSINESS COACHING for SMEs

- **Small 'ticket' open R&D calls for SMEs&RTO** (€ 4-6 M per project)
- **Big 'ticket' thematical calls, including:**
 - Technological Challenges
 - Calls to spin-in EU-funded civil R&D defence
 - Calls with acceleration services for start-ups



ACCESS TO FINANCE FOR INVESTORS

- Defence Equity Facility - €175 M equity instrument via the **European Investment Fund** for European private funds: €100M from EDF budget, expected leverage into €500M



DEFENCE and DEFENCE FOR SPACE HACKATHONS

Held annually in Spring across multiple locations in the EU/Norway (8 locations in 2025)



BUSINESS ACCELERATOR

- 8-months programme & € 65 000 seed funding



**€1.5 billion
until 2027**



MATCHMAKING

- 3 online and 4 onsite events for founders, investors, corporates and defence end-users

ASAP in short



Objectives

- Foster **efficiency and competitiveness** of the European Defence industry by initiating and speeding up adjustment of industry to rapid structural changes
- **Ramp-up** or creation of **manufacturing capacities**, and **timely delivery of output**
- Strengthen **supply chain resilience** and robustness



Focus

- **Bottlenecks** in ammunition production
- 5 distinct call topics: **Explosives – Powder – Shells – Missiles – Testing & reconditioning**



Budget

- **€500 Million over 2023-2025**
- **31 projects awarded**

Impact expected until ~2027:



> 10 000 tonnes of powder



> 4 300 tonnes of explosives



> 1.4 million shells of EU production capacity by end of 2024



> 2 million shells of EU production capacity by end of 2025



Part of the three-track strategy for ammunition support to Ukraine

EDIRPA in short



Objectives

- Incentivise Member States' **common procurement** of the most urgent and critical defence products from the European defence industry.
- Reinforce the **competitiveness** of the European defence industry (e.g. ramp up)



Focus

- Address **identified urgent shortfalls**
- EDIRPA programme focuses on 3 areas :
 - Ammunition (e.g. small arms, artillery ammunition, mortars, rockets);
 - Air and missile defence;
 - Platforms and replacement of legacy systems.
- improve the **interoperability** of EU defence systems and capabilities



Budget

- **€310 Million over 2023-2025**
- **5 projects awarded, leveraging € 11 billion in joint procurement**

European Defence Industrial Strategy (EDIS)



Joint Communication providing **strategic direction** for the EU to strengthen the EDTIB:

- Supporting greater responsiveness and resilience
- Promoting gradual integration with the UA Defence Industry



Structured around **4 main work strands**:

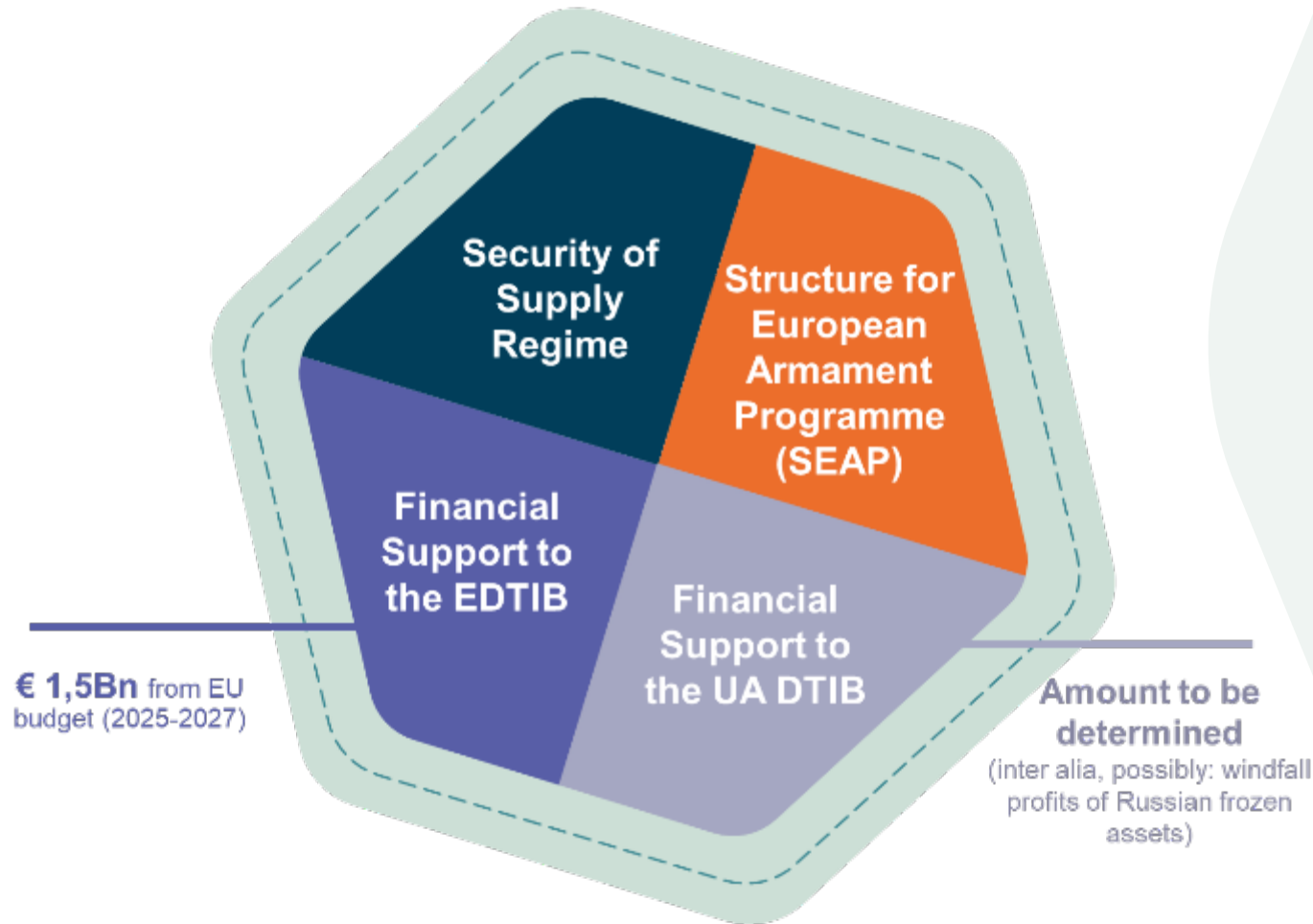
1. Support Member States' efforts to **invest more, better, together, and European**
2. **Secure the availability of defence products** thanks to a more efficient and responsive EDTIB and an enhanced Security of Supply
3. **Mainstream a defence readiness culture**
4. Leverage **partnerships** to enhance readiness and resilience



The work on the Strategy's **implementation** is ongoing (joint effort between the Commission and the High representative/Head of the Agency), with the achievement of initial results

European Defence Industry Programme (EDIP)

EDIP is structured around **4 pillars**:



Objectives

1. strengthen the **competitiveness, resilience and responsiveness** of the European defence industry
2. enhance the **ability of the European Defence Industry** to ensure the timely production, availability and supply of defence products
3. contribute to the **recovery, reconstruction and modernisation** of the Ukrainian defence industry

Expected timeline for EDIP adoption

- **Proposal under discussion** by the co-legislators
- **Summer 2025**: possible adoption of EDIP

Funding Options to ReArm Europe Plan / Readiness 2030

ReArm Europe Plan: unlocking up to **EUR 800 billion** stepping up the funding that the European defence:

Activation of the national escape clause of the Stability and Growth Pact

Estimated impact of EUR 650 billion

**Security Action for Europe – SAFE instrument:
Raising up to EUR 150 billion on capital markets**

**Contributions from the European Investment Bank and
mobilising private capital**

Soon - Flexibilisation of EU instruments (cohesion policy)



Upcoming important dates in 2025

All year	3-4 events EUDIS Matchmaking
Mar-Apr	Open call to startups for EUDIS Business Accelerator
2-3 Apr	EDF Info Days and Matchmaking in Brussels
9-11 May	EUDIS Hackathon/Makeathon in 8 EU/Norway cities
16 Oct	Deadline for Submission of EDF's R&D proposals

Thank you!