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THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union, amending Regulations (EU) No 1296/2013, (EU) No 1301/2013, (EU) No 1303/2013, (EU) No 1304/2013, (EU) No 1309/2013, (EU) No 1316/2013, (EU) No 223/2014, (EU) No 283/2014, and Decision No 541/2014/EU and repealing Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012¹, and in particular Article 110 thereof,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) No 2021/697 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2021 establishing the European Defence Fund and repealing Regulation (EU) No 2018/1092², and in particular Article 24 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) In order to ensure the implementation of the European Defence Fund for the year 2023 it is necessary to adopt a financing decision, which constitutes the annual work programme, for 2023. Article 110 of Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 ('the Financial Regulation') establishes detailed rules on financing decisions.
- (2) The envisaged assistance is to comply with the conditions and procedures set out by the restrictive measures adopted pursuant to Article 215 TFEU.
- (3) It is necessary to allow for the payment of interest due for late payment on the basis of Article 116(5) of the Financial Regulation.
- (4) In order to allow for flexibility in the implementation of the work programme, it is appropriate to allow changes which should not be considered substantial for the purposes of Article 110(5) of the Financial Regulation.
- (5) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the European Defence Fund Programme Committee, established by Article 34 of Regulation 2021/697.

¹ OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p.1.

² OJ L 170, 12.5.2021, p.149.

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1
The work programme

The annual financing decision, constituting the first part of the annual work programme for the implementation of the European Defence Fund for 2023, as set out in the Annex, is adopted.

Article 2
Union contribution

The maximum Union contribution for the implementation of the programme for 2023 Part 1 is set at EUR 255 500 000, and shall be financed from the appropriations entered in the following line of the general budget of the Union:

- (a) budget line 13.0201 - Capability development: EUR 213 000 000;
- (b) budget line 13.0301 - Defence research: EUR 42 500 000;

The appropriations provided for in the first paragraph may also cover interest due for late payment.

The implementation of this Decision is subject to the availability of the appropriations provided for in the draft general budget of the Union for 2023, following the adoption of that budget by the budget authority or as provided for in the system of provisional twelfths.

Article 3
Flexibility clause

Cumulated changes to the allocations to specific actions not exceeding 20% of the maximum Union contribution set in the first paragraph of Article 2 of this Decision shall not be considered to be substantial for the purposes of Article 110(5) of the Financial Regulation, where those changes do not significantly affect the nature of the actions and the objective of the work programme.

The authorising officer responsible may apply the changes referred to in the first paragraph. Those changes shall be applied in accordance with the principles of sound financial management and proportionality.

Done at Brussels, 7.6.2022

For the Commission
Thierry BRETON
Member of the Commission



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1. INTRODUCTION

The EDF is implemented through annual work programmes from 2021 to 2027.

The adoption of the 2022 EDF work programme - part 2 is subject of a separate financing decision.

The limited purpose of this 2023 EDF work programme-part 1 is to bring budget complement to some actions described in detail in the 2022 EDF work programme-part 2 to enable the launching in 2022 of calls for proposals with indicative amounts higher than the ones possible on the sole basis of 2022 appropriations.

The second part of the 2023 work programme will be subject to a separate financing decision to be adopted later in 2023 with new actions which will then be detailed.

2022 EDF calls for proposals to be reinforced by 2023 appropriations	(Million EUR)		
	Amount earmarked in the 2022 WP Part 2	Complementary amount under the 2023 WP Part 1	Indicative amount for the Calls launched in 2022
<i>Call EDF-2022-DA: Development actions</i>	297	213	510
<i>Call EDF-2022-RA: Research actions</i>	228	42	270

In addition, EUR 500 000 are earmarked for payment of independent experts assisting the Commission in the evaluation of EDF proposals (remunerated experts referred to in Article 237 of the Financial Regulation).

The list of *calls for proposals* and associated *Topics* addressed in this 2023 work programme part 1 is defined in section 3.

2. LEGAL BASIS

All actions that will be funded under this programme have their legal basis in Regulation (EU) 2021/697 (EDF Regulation).

3. ACTIONS IMPLEMENTED UNDER THE 2023 WORK PROGRAMME - PART 1

This section lists the scope of the *calls for proposals* and associated *topics*, together with their indicative budget. These *calls for proposals* and *topics* result from a discussion with the EDF programme committee made of representatives from the Member States and associated countries.

Management mode:

As per Article 8(1) of the EDF Regulation, the actions set out in this work programme shall be implemented in direct management by the Commission.

By way of derogation, in accordance with Article 8(2) of the EDF Regulation, specific actions may, in substantiated cases, be carried out under indirect management by bodies as referred to

in point (c) of Article 62(1) of the Financial Regulation, for example in case of complex actions where a project manager has been appointed by Member States, taking into account in particular the complexity of the action and a cost benefit analysis.

The change of management mode set in the present work programme will be assessed at the time of the selection of proposals retained for funding and be subject to the prior assessment of the bodies in accordance with Article 154 of the Financial Regulation in order to ensure the protection of the financial interest of the Union.

3.1. EDF-2022-DA

- **Targeted type of actions:** Development actions
- **Form of funding:** Actual costs grants following the call for proposals
- **Targeted type of applicants:** Any eligible consortium as defined in Articles 9 and 10(4) of the EDF Regulation
- **Indicative budget for the call:**

EUR 297 000 000 has been earmarked under the 2022 work programme - Part 2.

A budget complement of EUR 213 000 000 from 2023 appropriations is earmarked under the present 2023 work programme - part 1.

Proposals will be called against the following 12 topics, as described in the 2022 EDF work programme 2022 - Part 2:

<i>Topic ID</i>	Topic name	Indicative budget¹ (Up to EUR million)
<i>EDF-2022-DA-C4ISR-EC2</i>	European command and control system	30
<i>EDF-2022-DA-C4ISR-SOFCP</i>	Deployable special operations forces' multi-environment command post and C2 System	20
<i>EDF-2022-DA-CYBER-CIWT</i>	Cyber and information warfare toolbox	33
<i>EDF-2022-DA-CYBER-CSIR</i>	Cybersecurity and systems for improved resilience	27
<i>EDF-2022-DA-SPACE-ISR</i>	Innovative multi-sensor space-based Earth observation capabilities towards persistent and reactive ISR	40
<i>EDF-2022-DA-SPACE-SBMEW</i>	Space-based missile early warning	90
<i>EDF-2022-DA-MATCOMP-SMT</i>	Smart and multifunctional textiles	20
<i>EDF-2022-DA-AIR-AEW</i>	Airborne electronic warfare	40
<i>EDF-2022-DA-GROUND-CGC</i>	Collaborative combat for land forces	50
<i>EDF-2022-DA-NAVAL-MSAS</i>	Medium-size semi-autonomous surface vessel	65
<i>EDF-2022-DA-NAVAL-NCS</i>	Naval Collaborative Surveillance	65
<i>EDF-2022-DA-SIMTRAIN-MSSI</i>	Modelling, simulation and simulator integration contributing to decision-making and training	30

3.2. EDF-2022-RA

- **Targeted type of actions:** Research actions
- **Form of funding:** Actual costs grants following the call for proposals
- **Targeted type of applicants:** Any eligible consortium as defined in Articles 9 and 10(4) of the EDF Regulation

¹ Including 2022 and 2023 appropriations

- Indicative budget for the call:

EUR 228 000 000 has been earmarked under the 2022 work programme - Part 2.

A budget complement of EUR 42 000 000 from 2023 appropriations is earmarked under the present 2023 work programme - part 1.

Proposals will be called against the following 12 topics, as described in the 2022 EDF work programme 2022 - Part 2:

<i>Topic ID</i>	Topic name	Indicative budget² (Up to EUR million)
<i>EDF-2022-RA-MCBRN-HICP</i>	Diagnostics, treatment, transport and monitoring of highly contagious, injured and/or contaminated personnel	25
<i>EDF-2022-RA-C4ISR-AIRC2</i>	Single European Sky interoperability	20
<i>EDF-2022-RA-SENS-CSENS</i>	Covert sensing	25
<i>EDF-2022-RA-SENS-ART</i>	Advanced radar technologies	15
<i>EDF-2022-RA-CYBER-CSACE</i>	Adapting cyber situational awareness for evolving computing environments	10
<i>EDF-2022-RA-SPACE-RSS</i>	Responsive space system	20
<i>EDF-2022-RA-DIGIT-DBIR</i>	Shared databases and integrated systems for image recognition	25
<i>EDF-2022-RA-ENERENV-CUW</i>	Sustainable components for underwater applications	20
<i>EDF-2022-RA-MATCOMP-PACOMP</i>	Packaging technologies for critical defence components	25
<i>EDF-2022-RA-PROTMOB-FMTC</i>	Future mid-size tactical cargo aircraft	30
<i>EDF-2022-RA-UWW-UTS</i>	Underwater manned-unmanned teaming and swarms	25
<i>EDF-2022-RA-UWW-ODAC</i>	Underwater observation, detection, acquisition and communications	30

² Including 2022 and 2023 appropriations