



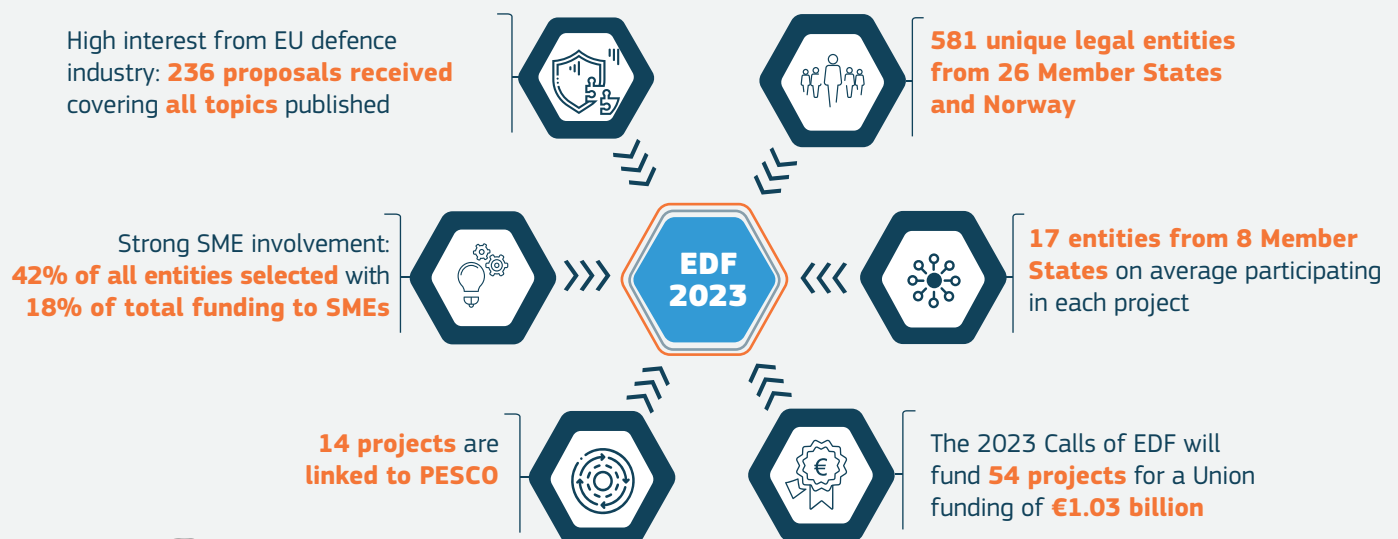
# EDF 2023 CALL RESULTS

EU invests in **54** ambitious defence projects with **€1031 million** funding

The European Defence Fund is more relevant than ever. By encouraging cooperation in the development of Defence technologies and capabilities — it helps invest more, together, together, and European. It focuses on pooling talent when it comes to Research and Development, targeting priorities commonly agreed with Member States. It fosters a more integrated and capable European Defence Technological and Industrial Base. And it promotes interoperability of National Armed Forces by reducing duplication.

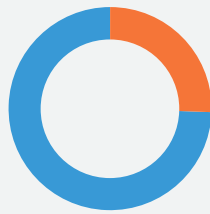
The Commission is intending to fund 54 additional EDF projects worth €1 billion, which will bring the total EU budgetary investments to more than €3 billion in collaborative defence R&D projects since the start of the EDF Regulation in May 2021. The selected proposals respond to the funding priorities of the 2023 EDF work programme, addressing 34 topics structured along four thematic calls for proposals, plus bottom-up calls focused on SMEs.

## KEY FIGURES OF EDF 2023



## Strong support to industry across a range of high impact research and development actions in EDF 2023

**€766 million**  
for collaborative capability  
**development** projects



**€265 million**  
for collaborative defence  
**research** to address  
emerging/future challenges  
and threats

## TOTAL EDF INVESTMENT TO DATE

**2021, 2022 and 2023**  
**total funding: more**  
**than €3 billion** invested  
in the European Defence  
Technological and Industrial  
Base (EDTIB)

**€2125 million**  
**Development**

**€904 million**  
**Research**

## HIGHLIGHTS OF EDF 2023 FUNDING

### EDF 2023 funds flagship projects contributing to EU strategic autonomy and resilience



#### Naval

EPC2 will reach a mature, detailed and certified design of a European Patrol Corvette.



#### Air

ESOCA will identify, define, and evaluate different options for future European strategic airlift capability, while NG-MIMA will revolutionise military avionics.

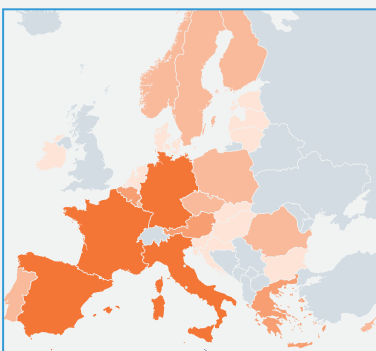


#### Ground

MARTE will design a new Main Battle Tank (MBT) platform, whilst FMBTech will develop a modular design for agile, adaptive, intelligent and cooperative future MBT systems. FIRES2 intends to combine two different types of ammunition into a new artillery projectile.

In addition, major projects will be funded in other categories such as Ground, CBRN, Soldier Protection, Underwater Warfare, as well as in technology areas such as AI, Quantum, Cyber.

### EDF 2023 supports strategic enablers as defined in the Strategic Compass with more than €300 million



- 10 projects address:
- strategic airlift,
  - space communications,
  - medical assets,
  - cyber defence
  - and ISR capabilities

Number of participants

- Over 20
- 10-20
- 5-9
- 1-4

### EDF 2023 contributes with more than €200 million to Defence Innovation and SME support under the EU Defence Innovation Scheme (EUDIS), including €25 million for technological challenge\*\*



\*\* SMEs are also present across all thematic projects

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