Triggers by the European Defence Fund, the EU Defence Innovation Scheme (EUDIS) will put in place a wide range of support measures to help European innovative companies bring their ideas to defence end-users. Innovation is key to strengthen our defence capabilities, to create strategic advantages in the battlefield, reduce strategic dependencies and stay competitive. The EUDIS will help to:

- Increase EU support for Research, Technology Development and Innovation by investing together, better and European.
- Foster synergies between civil, defence and space research.
- Overcome barriers to defence innovation.
- Introduce and integrate innovative SMEs into the defence industrial ecosystem.

What has been done so far?

2017-2020
PADR & EDIDP
A new framework for EU-wide and cross-border defence R&D cooperation has been created through PADR, EDIDP.

2021-2027
EDF
The European Defence Fund (EDF) with inbuilt measures to support innovation and encourage participation of various-sized companies across all Member States.

2021
ACTION PLAN
ON SYNERGIES
To foster synergies between civil, defence & space industries.

2022
Milestones
The Defence Package, the Strategic Compass, the Versailles Declaration.

What are we proposing?

Together with the European Innovation Council (EIC) and in partnership with the EDA Defence Innovation Hub, the Commission will:

- Identify and spin-in ideas, technologies and solutions to spur defence innovation.
- Support idea maturity, from a technological, market development or end-user perspective.
- Integrate ideas into the capability development and support spin-outs to civil sectors.

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WHAT'S IN THE TOOLBOX?
- a dual-use incubator
- SME, disruptive technologies & spin-in calls for proposal
- technological challenges
- business coaching
- hackathons
- prizes & competitions
- a defence equity facility
- cross-border innovation networks
- matchmaking with investors & end-users

HOW MUCH IS PROPOSED IN THE 2021-2027 MFF?
It is expected that the EU Defence Innovation Scheme will see a total investment of nearly €2 Bn

European Defence Fund
- 74%
- Member States co-funding
- 4.5%
- Other public & private investors
- 21.5%

NEXT ACTIONS — Timeline
2021
- SME AND DISRUPTIVE TECHNOLOGIES CALLS

2022
- FIRST TECHNOLOGICAL CHALLENGE
- ACCELERATION SERVICES
- DEFENCE EQUITY FACILITY

2023 onwards
- SPIN-IN CALL
- HACKATHONS
- CROSS-BORDER INNOVATION NETWORKS