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# EDF 2025 INFORMATION DAYS

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# WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

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# WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

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# Defence Omnibus Simplification

## Stakeholder consultation



**Have your say:  
Help us simplify  
the EU defence  
industry rules!**



**Open until  
22 April 2025**

# Programme Day 1



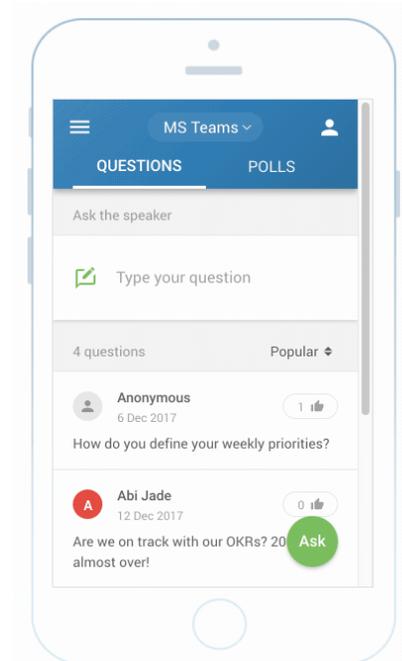
<b>Timeslot (Brussels time)</b>	<b>Session title</b>
<b>10.00-10.30</b> (30')	<i>Welcome &amp; Introduction</i>
<b>10.30-11.00</b> (30')	<i>EDF key principles</i>
<b>11.00-11.10</b> (10')	<i>Overview of novelties for 2025</i>
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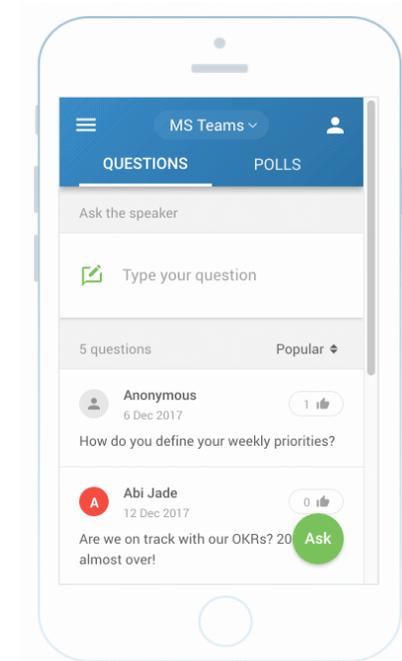


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- **Ask a question!**



**ASK A QUESTION**



**UPVOTE A QUESTION**

# **EDF KEY PRINCIPLES**

- EDF general presentation
- European Defence Innovation Scheme (EUDIS)
- EU actions in support of UA defence industry

# **EDF general presentation**

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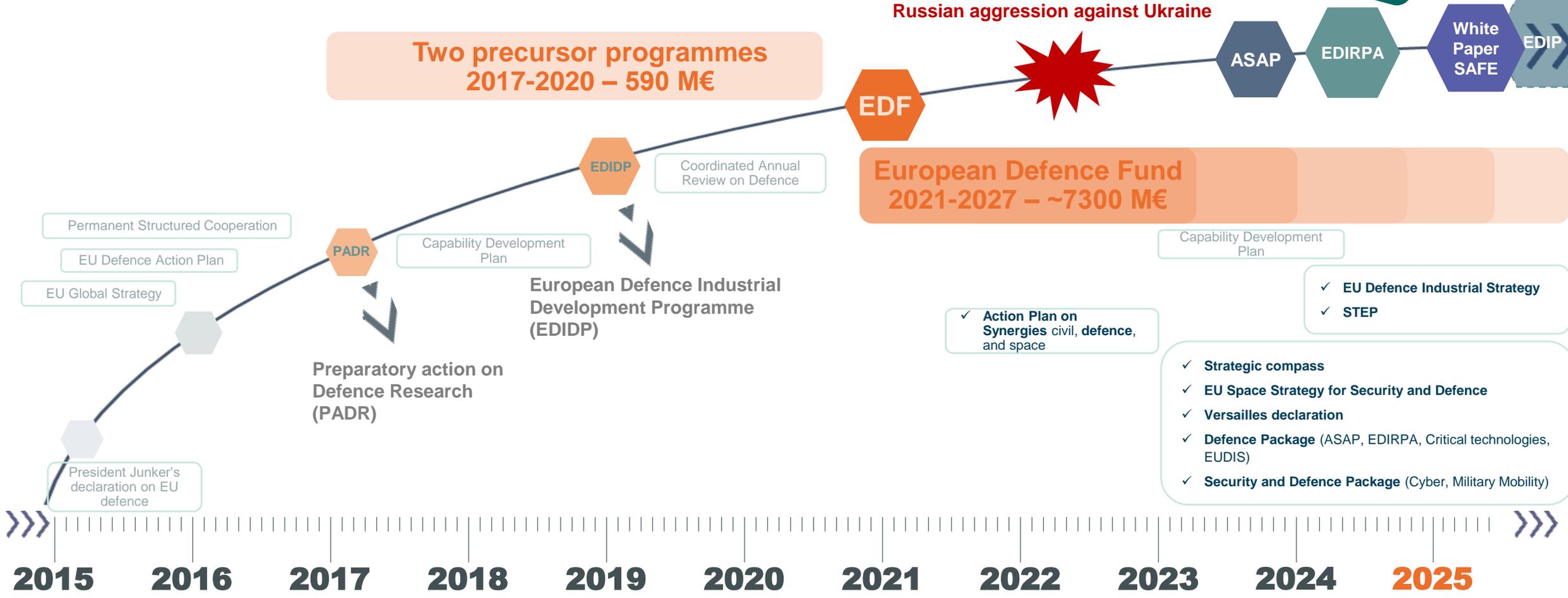
EDF programming coordinator

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EDF Implementation –  
Programming and SME support

# Ramping-up EU's collaborative approach to defence investment

**EDF INFO DAYS** 2025

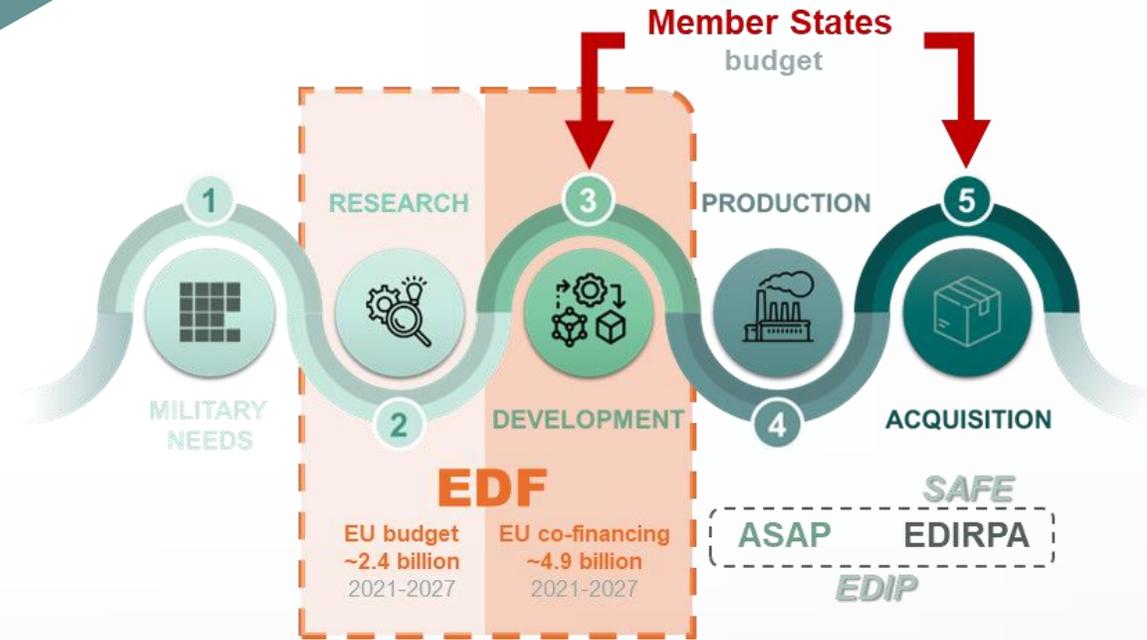


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# European Defence Fund: The EU defence R&D programme



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# General principles governing implementation



## Prioritisation

Demand driven by Member States  
(sole buyers and users)

Priorities and topics defined by Member States

## Synergy & Consistency

- EU prioritisation instruments
- Other EU defence initiatives
- NATO
- Other EU programmes

## Ensure continuity

Already funded actions/consortia  
Main expected outcomes  
(EDF multiannual perspective)



## Output oriented

Strategic and economic benefits for EU  
Tangible results ready to be procured for EU armed forces  
Eligibility conditions apply

## Inclusiveness

- Fair opportunities for companies:
- of all sizes
  - from all Member States and Norway
  - Security-based conditions for entities controlled by third-countries

## Support innovation

4%-8% of the EDF budget dedicated to disruptive technologies

 Support broader EU defence innovation scheme (EUDIS)

# EDF Life-cycle



- **Annual** work programmes and calls for proposals + indicative **multiannual perspective**
- **Member States** (“EDF Programme Committee”) to give their opinion on the annual **work programme** and the **selection of proposals** to be funded following the calls



# EDF Categories of Actions

## Addressed by annual work programmes & calls for proposals



-  **Medical response, CBRN & human factors**
-  **Information superiority**
-  **Sensors**
-  **Cyber**
-  **Space**
-  **Digital transformation**
-  **Energy resilience & environmental transition**
-  **Materials and components**

-  **Air combat**
-  **Air and Missile defence**
-  **Ground combat**
-  **Force protection and mobility**
-  **Naval combat**
-  **Underwater warfare**
-  **Simulation and training**



### Horizontal categories

-  **Disruptive technologies**
-  **Innovative defence technologies (SMEs)**

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# EDF Multiannual perspective



2025

## 01 Perspective

**Indicative document** prepared and reviewed each year with Member States in line with annual work programmes  
→ No commitment

## 02 Visibility

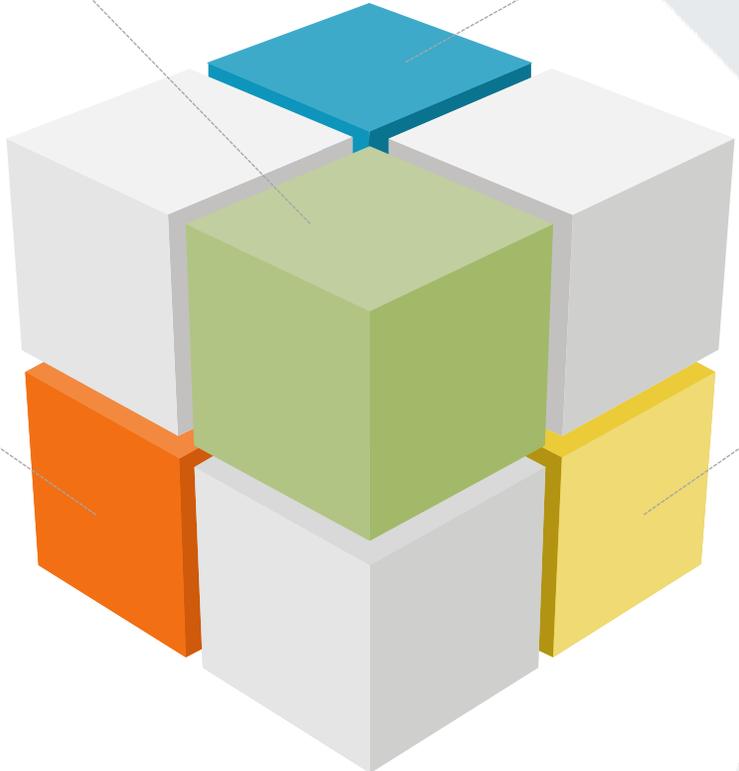
Introduces the expected collective landing zone in terms of outcomes  
→ EDF Main expected outcomes

## 04 Coordination

- Between Member States/Norway
- Between industries and research organisations
- Between R&D actions

## 03 Predictability

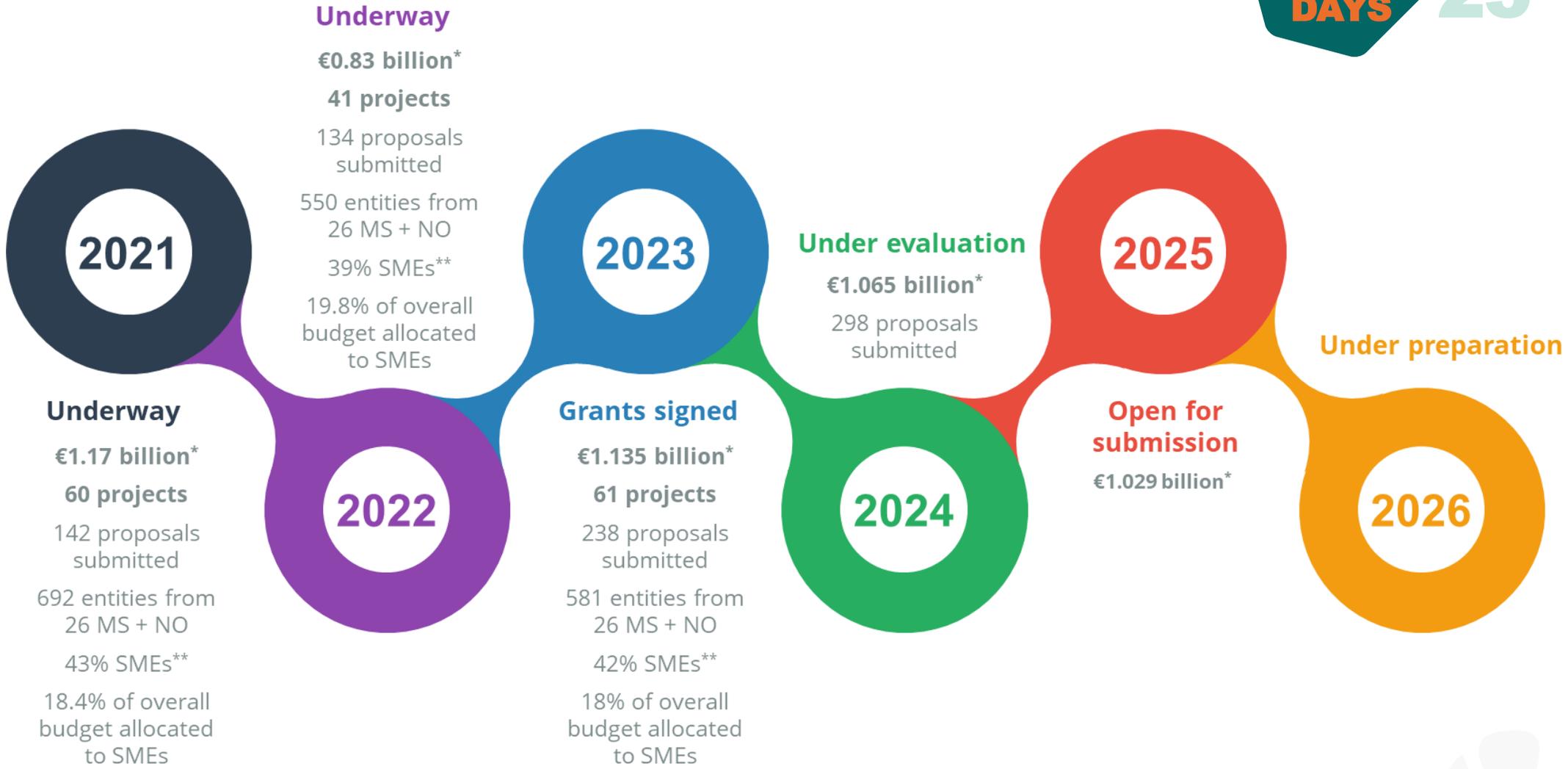
Presents a longer-term perspective than annual work programmes



# EDF in perspective

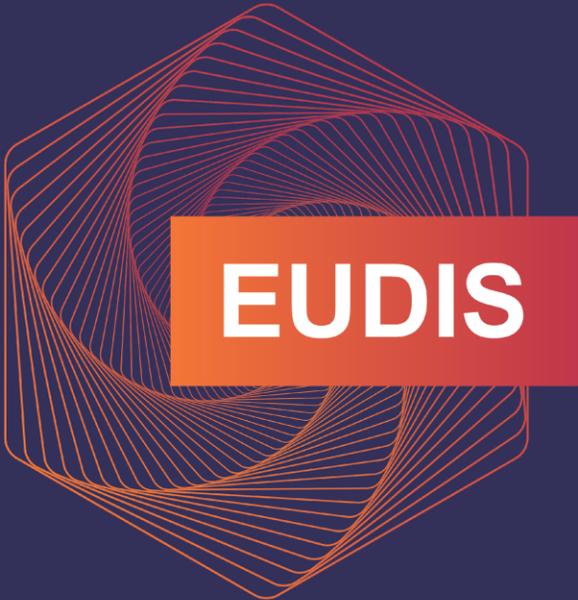


- On top of:
- **PADR (2017-2019)**  
€90 million  
18 projects
  - **EDIDP (2019-2020)**  
€500 million  
44 projects
  - **ASAP (2023)**  
€513 million  
31 projects
  - **EDIRPA (2024)**  
€310 M  
5 projects



\*Budget dedicated to grants

\*\*Self-declared SMEs

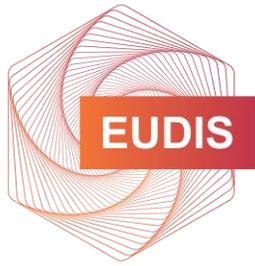


**EUDIS**

# EU DEFENCE INNOVATION SCHEME

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# European Defence Innovation Scheme (EUDIS)

*A stronger defence innovation ecosystem*



## What?

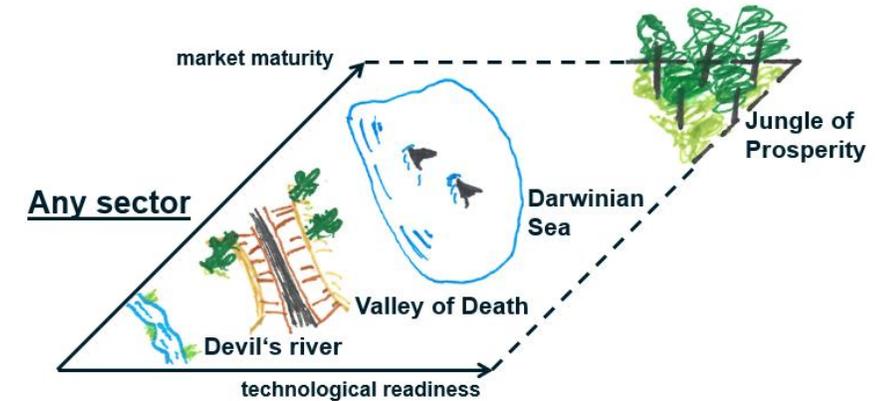
- European Defence Fund's tailored innovation support.
- Five tracks to tap into the full potential of civil and defence innovation.

## For Whom?

- Start-ups, Scale-ups, SMEs, Research Organizations and innovation facilitators.

## Funding?

- Ambition of €2 billion until 2027





# Five EUDIS Innovation Tracks



## EDF GRANTS with BUSINESS COACHING for SMEs

- Non-thematic R&D calls for SMEs & RTOs
- Thematical calls, incl.:
  - Technological Challenges
  - Calls to spin-in EU-funded civil R&D to defence
  - Calls with acceleration services for start-ups



## DEFENCE and DEFENCE FOR SPACE HACKATONS

- Held annually in Spring and Autumn



## BUSINESS ACCELERATOR

- 8-months programme
- €65 000 seed funding



## ACCESS TO FINANCE FOR INVESTORS

- Defence Equity Facility - equity instrument via the European Investment Fund for European private funds



## MATCHMAKING

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





# EUDIS Hackathons



- Two Events: **Defence Hackathon** (9 - 11 May); Space for Defence Hackathon (Autumn)
- **Registration open for participants and mentors** from MS/NO and **Ukraine**. Deadline - 5 May
- Theme and Challenges **Rapid Defence Solutions.**
  - Cost effective protective gear for frontline defence
  - Enhanced situational awareness and tactical surveillance systems
  - Advanced medical support for frontline care
- **8 local hosts:**
  - Prague Innovation Institute, Czech Republic
  - National Defence Technology Centre, Denmark
  - Bayern Innovativ GmbH, Germany
  - Fondazione E. Amaldi, Italy
  - Riga Technological University, Latvia
  - Kaunas University of Technology, Lithuania
  - Krakow Technology Park, Poland
  - Arribes Enlightenment, Spain





# EUDIS Business Accelerator First EU-wide Defence Accelerator



## Defence Ecosystem Understanding

Strengthen **participants understanding of the defence ecosystem**

## Support innovation within defence

Provide participants with **access to testing facilities** to support creation of in-demand innovative defence solutions

## Defence Network Expansion

Broaden network of start-ups and scale-ups with **end-users, corporates & investors**



## Investment Readiness

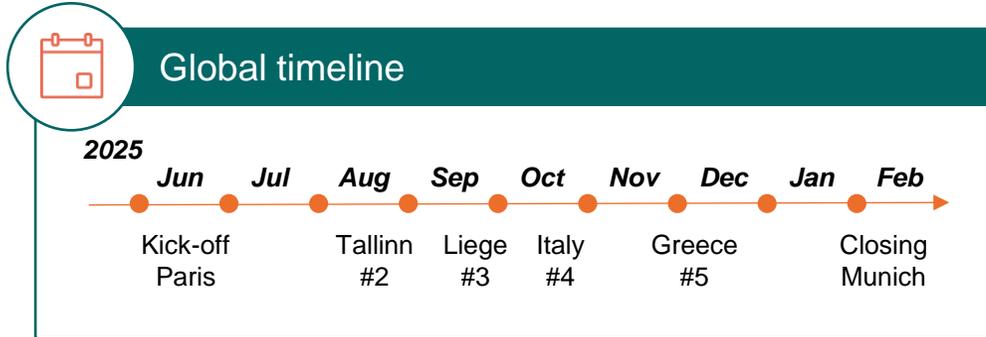
Improve participants access to financing through **coaching** and engaging directly with **defence investors**

### Programme Highlights

- 20 selected companies
- 65 000€ in vouchers
- Call for Application: **Open until April 27<sup>th</sup> 23.59 CEST**
- 8-month accelerator** kicking off June 16<sup>th</sup> at Paris Air Show
- For companies established in **EU or Norway** active in **defence** or seeking entry



# EUDIS Business Accelerator – key aspects



## 2025 Technology themes



Collaborative Combat & Autonomous Operations

Cyber Warfare & Information Superiority



Combat Medicine & Battlefield Health Resilience

Disruptive technologies for Defence Superiority



APPLY NOW!



As a Start-up or Scale-up



### Benefits

- Gain access to **learning materials** tailored for defence innovation
- Engage with European defence **end-users, corporates & investors**
- Receive seed voucher funding of **65k€**
- Access to **defence testing facilities** with dedicated technical support
- **Enhance your company visibility** thanks to defence-related events



As a Defence Expert (Coach, Trainer, Field Expert)

- Connect with **European defence stakeholders, including defence end-users**
- Receive **financial compensation** for providing a workshop, coaching or ad-hoc expertise hours
- Enjoy a **unique team spirit** as a pioneering participant



# EUDIS Matchmaking



## Programme Objectives



Support innovators with efforts **towards raising capital and driving business development**



**Build capacity** and raise awareness of defence sector priorities, challenges and opportunities for all stakeholders



Support stakeholders with their efforts **towards securing strategic partnerships**



**Foster EU Defence community** by facilitating new connections, organizing events and targeted interactions

### Innovators

SMEs (incl. startups, scale ups), small mid-caps  
Improve your **accesses to funding and connect** with potential clients and strategic partners.

### Investors

VCs, BAs, banks, funds  
**Access to a pipeline of innovative companies** developing cutting-edge defence technologies.

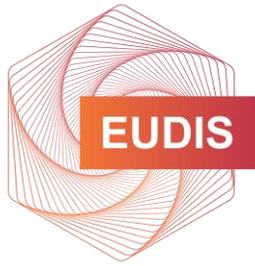
### Corporates

Large defence companies  
Benefit from **engagement with companies** who could act as **potential suppliers or strategic partners**.

### End-Users

Government entities  
Benefit from **collaboration with leading defence innovators**.

Open to entities established in the EU, Norway or Ukraine



# SME Business Coaching



## What is it?

- Up to 15 days of business coaching for selected SME beneficiaries of the European Defence Fund 2023 and upcoming 2024 projects.
- The participation is **free of charge** for eligible SMEs.
- The coaching is provided on a **one-to-one basis**, provided by defence industry experts and will be **tailored to each company's needs, maturity, and experience** in the sector.



## What is the aim?

- **Create a market path for SMEs in the defence sector**, working across different business & market dimensions to ensure growth and competitiveness **also beyond their EDF project**.
- Improve the agility, competitiveness, and innovation capacity of the European defence sector.



Apply now via the EUDIS platform!

## Topics covered by the business coaching



Investment readiness and access to finance



Commercialisation



Business development and strategic partnerships



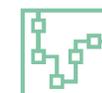
Scaling up & internationalisation



Sales and marketing



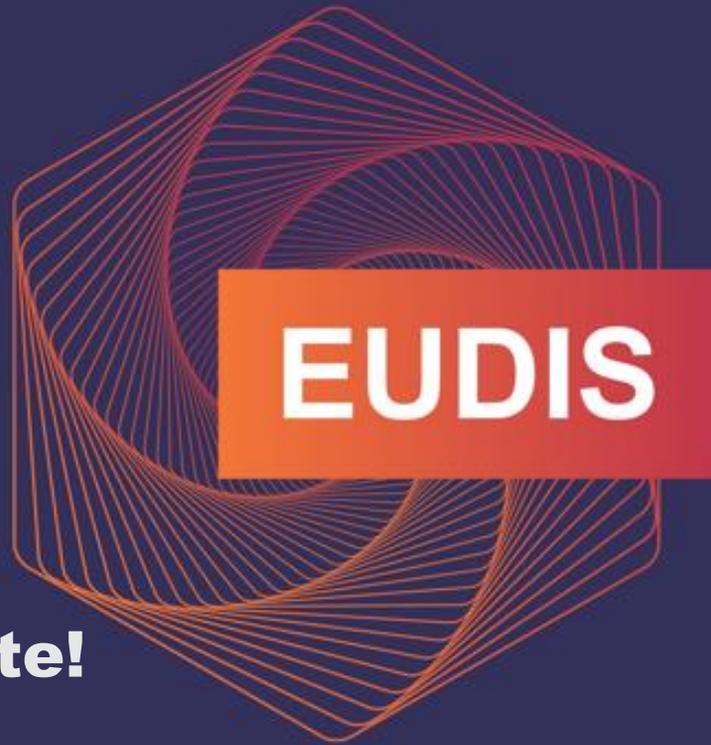
Corporate strategy



Improving operations and execution capacity



Legal and regulatory advice



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# EU actions in support of UA defence industry

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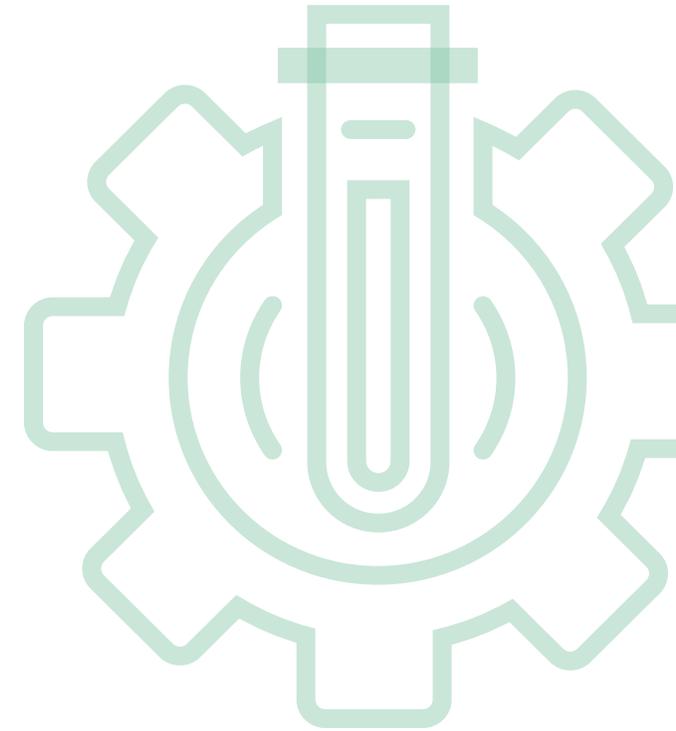
EU Defence Innovation Office in Kyiv



# Benefits of involving Ukrainian entities



- Minimal feedback loop from the battlefield (24h)
- Fast pace of innovation cycle
- Focus on development, prototyping and testing
- Very wide range of expertise
- Capability to innovate and adapt dual-use and COTS equipment
- Use of modern technology with mass effect





# Some possibilities for Ukrainian entities in EDF



- **Associated partner** – costs not eligible for EDF funding
- **Suppliers** – purchase of goods, works and services needed to carry out the action - Cannot constitute a core task of the project
- **EU-established entities with UA owners** – eligible as beneficiary/subcontractor involved in the action subject to provision of approved guarantees
- **EU Defence Innovation Scheme (EUDIS)**
  - **Financial Support to Third Parties (FSTP)** *cascade funding*
  - **Hackathons will focus on Ukraine's urgent needs** on battlefield, Ukrainians citizens are eligible to participate
  - **EUDIS Matchmaking**



# EU Defence Innovation Office in Kyiv (EUDIO Kyiv)



## Key Objectives:

- Support and encourage cooperation between innovators from Ukraine and EU's defence industry
- Support the preparation of Ukraine's involvement to the future EU defence programs

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Online ASD matchmaking platform  
ASD-Connect



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# Overview of novelties for 2025

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# What is new compared to EDF 2024?



## • More time to prepare and apply

- 8 months and 3 weeks (i.e. +25 days / 2024)
- Opening in February (instead of June)
- No classified call

## • Increased measures to support innovation

- 2 topics with financial support to third parties (FSTP) open to entities established in Ukraine
- 2 spin-in calls (LS-RA-SI and DA-SI)
- Business acceleration and matchmaking services

## • Co-financing information (for Dev actions concerned)

- Co-financing declaration to include more information about co-financing process and timeline
- Detailed budget table to include co-financing amounts
- Part B to demonstrate coherence with co-financing plans and timely implementation of the project

## • SME owners and natural person beneficiaries

- Country coefficients and daily rates (LS detailed budget tables only) aligned with latest applicable decisions

## • SEAL declaration moved from Part B to Part A

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## • PESCO bonus (for Dev actions concerned)

- Confirmation by national coordinator of PESCO project(s) will be requested during GAP

## • Further clarifications provided on:

- Admissibility: consequences in case of missing mandatory annexes in correct format
- Eligibility: consequences in case of participant not complying with eligibility conditions at submission stage
- Eligibility and SME/RO status: need for SMEs to perform self-assessment with data not older than end of year 2023 + need for RO to self-declare as such.
- Exclusion grounds: new case listed
- Intra-EU transfers: further guidance to ease project implementation
- STEP Seal: validity and compliance checks
- Full cost option for listed equipment: only for prototyping activities (also clarified in detailed budget tables)

## • Updated references:

- Link to CDP 2023 in award criterion 4 EDTIB autonomy (also in Part B)
- EU Financial regulation 2024

# Submission templates per call (2025)



Subm. templates \ Calls	Research					Development			
	RA	LS-RA-SI	LS-RA-CHALLENGE	LS-RA-DIS	LS-RA-SMERO	LS-DA-SME	DA	DA-SI	
Part A – Structured administrative information	General information Participants								
	Summary budget table (costs per cost categories for each Partner/AE)	To be filled in directly online in the submission system			Simplified budget table (requested grant amount per Partner/AE)			Summary budget table (costs per cost categories for each Partner/AE)	
	Other questions (Ethics - separate guidance available)								
Part B – Technical description (updated compared to 2024)	Standard EDF form (sections relating to award criteria 6 & 7 and to higher funding rate not applicable to research actions; declaration relating to spin-in only relevant for call RA-SI)								
Detailed budget table (updated compared to 2024)	EDF RA (macro-enabled file)	EDF LS RA (macro-enabled file)			EDF LS DA (macro-enabled file)		EDF DA (macro-enabled file)		
Actual indirect cost methodology declaration	To be downloaded <b>from submission system</b> , filled in offline and uploaded on the submission system as a single password-protected zip archive							Same template for all calls (only for Partners and AE opting for actual indirect costs)	
Participant information	Same template for all calls								
List of infrastructure, facilities, assets and resources	Same template for all calls								
Ownership control declaration	Same template for all calls (separate guidance available)								
Co-financing declaration (updated compared to 2024)	n.a.					Same template for all Development calls (only if funding rate <100%)			
Harmonised capability declaration	n.a.					Same template for all Development calls (only if design activities)			
Declaration on procurement intent and common specifications	n.a.					Same template for all Development calls (only if prototyping, testing, qualification or certification activities)			
PRS declaration	Same template for all calls (only if access to PRS information needed to perform the action – not expected for the call LS-RA-CHALLENGE)								

# New tutorials available!

Accessible from main EDF webpage



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## Financial aspects

- Type of grants – funding options
- Payment scheme
- EDF funding rates
- Co-financing declaration
- Financial support to third parties (*upcoming*)
- Financial reporting in practice (*upcoming*)
- Financial controls and audits (*upcoming*)

## Other aspects

- Selection criteria
- Award criteria
- Submission process
- Intra-EU transfers
- Ethics
- Grant agreement preparation



Tutorials of last year  
still available!

## Financial aspects

- Cost categories and eligible costs
- Actual indirect costs methodology declaration
- Detailed budget tables updated with co-financing

## Other aspects

- PIC registration and validation
- SME and mid-cap assessment
- Ownership control assessment

# Introducing EDF National Focal Points (NFPs)

# Coffee break

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# OVERVIEW OF EDF 2025 CALLS FOR PROPOSALS

- Structure of the calls and topics
- Content of the different calls
  - EDF-2025-RA
  - EDF-2025-LS-RA-SI
  - EDF-2025-LS-RA-CHALLENGE
  - EDF-2025-LS-RA-DIS
  - EDF-2025-LS-RA-SMERO
  - EDF-2025-DA
  - EDF-2025-DA-SI
  - EDF-2025-LS-DA-SME

# Structure of the calls and topics

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# EDF Categories of Actions

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### Horizontal categories

-  **Disruptive technologies**
-  **Innovative defence technologies (SMEs)**

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# EDF Work Programme 2025 **EUR ~1.065 billion**

33 topics

Opening of the calls: 18 Feb 2025

Deadline for submission: 16 Oct 2025 17.00 CET

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

Legend: **Research** **Development**  STEP **EUDIS-related**  
 Contributing to identified EDF main expected outcomes

**+** Others

**Other actions (outreach, IT, studies, audit, indirect management)** 6,6 M€

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

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# EDF 2025 Call structure



Type of Action and Type of Model Grant Agreement as central elements in Work Programme structuring (*e-grants*)

<b>Type of Action</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ EDF-RA: European Defence Fund - <b>Research Action</b></li> <li>○ EDF-LSRA: European Defence Fund - <b>Lump Sum-Research Action</b></li> <li>○ EDF-DA: European Defence Fund - <b>Development Action</b></li> <li>○ EDF-LSDA: European Defence Fund - <b>Lump sum-Development Action</b></li> <li>○ EDF-RA-SGA: European Defence Fund - <b>Specific Grant Agreement*</b></li> </ul>
<b>Type of Model Grant Agreement</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ EDF-AG: European Defence Fund - <b>Action Grant</b></li> <li>○ EDF-AG-LS: European Defence Fund - <b>Action Grant-Lump Sum</b></li> </ul>
<b>Legibility</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Policy objectives pursued</li> <li>○ Set of homogenous eligibility conditions</li> </ul>

**8 competitive R&D calls**

- EDF-2025-RA
- EDF-2025-LS-RA-SI
- EDF-2025-LS-RA-CHALLENGE
- EDF-2025-LS-RA-DIS
- EDF-2025-LS-RA-SMERO
- EDF-2025-DA
- EDF-2025-DA-SI
- EDF-2025-LS-DA-SME

\*SGA awarded without call for proposals in relation to a Framework Partnership Agreement (FPA)

# EDF 2025 Topic Structure



- Each proposal shall be submitted against one topic
- Each topic is structured in sections
  - Objectives (General/Specific) } Context setting and description of problem/shortfall to be solved/addressed (capability, technology, operational,...)
  - Scope }  **Mandatory unless otherwise specified in the text**  
→ Eligibility of the action
  - Types of activities (\*) }
  - Functional requirements } Compliance evaluated in award criteria
  - Expected impact }

(\*) Article 10(3) of EDF regulation: a) generating knowledge; b) integrating knowledge; c) studies; d) design; e) prototyping; f) testing; g) qualification; h) certification; i) increasing efficiency

# Content of the calls

- EDF-2025-RA
- EDF-2025-DA

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# EDF-2025-RA: Call for 'thematic' EDF research actions implemented via actual cost grants



Type of action:  
EDF-RA: Research Action

Number of topics: 8

Type of grant:  
EDF-AG: Action Grant

## CALL ID

EDF-2025-RA

## TOPIC ID

EDF-2025-RA-MCBRN-ATE  
EDF-2025-RA-C4ISR-MIDS-STEP  
EDF-2025-RA-ENERENV-PSR  
EDF-2025-RA-MATCOMP-CDA-STEP  
EDF-2025-RA-GROUND-CBC  
EDF-2025-RA-UWW-SOASW  
EDF-2025-RA-SIMTRAIN-DAFAS  
EDF-2025-RA-SIMTRAIN-LVC-STEP

## BUDGET

182 M€



# EDF-2025-RA: Topics (1/2)



Topic/Budget	Title	Scope*	Mandatory types of activities	Expected # projects funded
<b>EDF-2025-RA-MCBRN-ATE</b>  10 M€	<b>Autonomous triage and evacuation</b>	Autonomous capabilities for military battlefield triage and casualty evacuation in mass casualty scenarios	<i>Studies, design</i>	1
<b>EDF-2025-RA-C4ISR-MIDS-STEP</b>  39 M€	<b>Multifunctional Information Distribution System</b>	Design a MIDS terminal with an innovative Software Communication Architecture (SCA)	<i>Studies, design</i>	1
<b>EDF-2025-RA-ENERENV-PSR</b>  25 M€	<b>Propulsion system for next generation rotorcrafts</b>	Mature the technologies behind a new engine for the future generation of EU military rotorcraft systems	<i>Generating knowledge, integrating knowledge, studies, design</i>	1
<b>EDF-2025-RA-MATCOMP-CDA-STEP</b>  25 M€	<b>Chiplets for defence applications</b>	Creation of a shared common hardware library of chiplets and their military applications	<i>Generating knowledge, integrating knowledge, studies, design</i>	≥1
<b>EDF-2025-RA-GROUND-CBC</b>  20 M€	<b>Technologies for counter-battery capabilities</b>	Mature the technologies for neutralise enemy artillery capabilities	<i>Generating knowledge, integrating knowledge, studies</i>	≥1

# EDF-2025-RA: Topics (2/2)



Topic/Budget	Title	Scope*	Mandatory types of activities	Expected # projects funded
<b>EDF-2025-RA-UWW-SOASW</b>  20 M€	<b>Stand-off anti-submarine warfare engagement</b>	Identification of common effector components for deployment by systems, and transferrable to other warfare domains	<i>Generating knowledge, integrating knowledge, studies</i>	1
<b>EDF-2025-RA-SIMTRAIN-DAFAS</b>  28 M€	<b>Multi-disciplinary design and analysis framework for Aerial Systems</b>	Development of Digital Twins for a multi-functional aerial system design	<i>Studies, design</i>	1
<b>EDF-2025-RA-SIMTRAIN-LVC-STEP</b>  15 M€	<b>Live, virtual, constructive training interoperability – Joint operations and service-specific solutions</b>	Interoperability of different LVC across Europe to create cost-effective and realistic joint tactical training exercises	<i>Design</i>	1

# EDF-2025-DA: Call for 'thematic' EDF development actions implemented via actual cost grants



**Type of action:**  
EDF-DA: Development Action

**Number of topics:** 12

**Type of grant:**  
EDF-AG: Action Grant

**CALL ID**  

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**EDF-2025-DA**

**TOPIC ID**  

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EDF-2025-DA-SENS-MB4DR-STEP	EDF-2025-DA-AIR-EPE
EDF-2025-DA-SENS-IRD-STEP	EDF-2025-DA-GROUND-FM2LP
EDF-2025-DA-CYBER-CDOC-STEP	EDF-2025-DA-GROUND-LCC-STEP
EDF-2025-DA-SPACE-SBISR	EDF-2025-DA-PROTMOB-SS 
EDF-2025-DA-ENERENV-APEM	EDF-2025-DA-NAVAL-DSNCC-STEP
EDF-2025-DA-AIR-CAC	EDF-2025-DA-UWW-AUWN-STEP

**BUDGET**  

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**546,5 M€**



# EDF-2025-DA: Topics (1/2)



Topic/Budget	Title	Scope*	Mandatory types of activities	Expected # projects funded
 <b>EDF-2025-DA-SENS-MB4DR-STEP</b> 29,5 M€	<b>Multiband 4D Radar</b>	Essential elements for future EU naval radar systems with future application to ground systems for air surveillance	<i>Integrating knowledge, studies, design</i>	1
 <b>EDF-2025-DA-SENS-IRD-STEP</b> 29 M€	<b>Technologies for optronic detectors</b>	Next generation of “Read-Out Integrated Circuits” for Infrared detectors considering the EU supply chain	<i>Integrating knowledge, studies, design, prototyping, testing</i>	1
 <b>EDF-2025-DA-CYBER-CDOC-STEP</b> 34 M€	<b>Improved cyber defence operations capabilities</b>	Cyberspace challenges and cyberspace integration in military operations in a mosaic and/or distributed approach. <b>Duration: up to 24 months</b>	<i>Integrating knowledge, studies, design, prototyping</i>	1
 <b>EDF-2025-DA-SPACE-SBISR</b> 66 M€	<b>Space-based ISR constellation</b>	Constellation of small satellites, including its ground segments able to handle various types of innovative sensor payloads for ISR applications	<i>Studies, design, prototyping, testing</i>	1
 <b>EDF-2025-DA-ENERENV-APEM</b> 49 M€	<b>Aircraft propulsion and energy management systems</b>	Advanced technologies for propulsion and energy systems that can be applied within a System-of-System configuration	<i>Studies, design, prototyping, testing</i>	1
 <b>EDF-2025-DA-AIR-CAC</b> 49 M€	<b>Collaborative air combat</b>	Solutions for standardised collaborative air combat for application to challenging air combat scenarios in contested and highly contested environments.	<i>Studies, design</i>	1

# EDF-2025-DA: Topics (2/2)

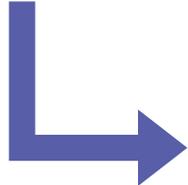


Topic/Budget	Title	Scope*	Mandatory types of activities	Expected # projects funded
 <b>DF-2025-DA-AIR-EPE</b> 54 M€	<b>Enhanced pilot environment</b>	New generations of air combat and training aircraft and systems in the EU	<i>Studies, design, prototyping</i>	1
 <b>EDF-2025-DA-GROUND-FM2LP</b> 79 M€	<b>Future modular multifunctional land platforms and enabling technologies, including green technologies</b>	Enhancing the performance and effectiveness of armoured land platforms and especially certification of system level solutions.	<i>Studies, design, prototyping, testing, qualification, certification, increasing efficiency</i>	1
 <b>EDF-2025-DA-GROUND-LCC-STEP</b> 44 M€	<b>Land collaborative combat including air-land</b>	Development and demonstration of innovative multi-national collaborative land combat functional capabilities enhancing military land systems	<i>Integrating knowledge, studies, design, prototyping, testing, qualification, certification increasing efficiency</i>	1
 <b>EDF-2025-DA-PROTMOB-SS</b> 35 M€	<b>Full-size demonstrators for next generation soldier systems</b>	Next-generation dismounted soldier system. <b>Financial support to third parties</b>	<i>Studies, design, prototyping, testing</i>	1
 <b>EDF-2025-DA-NAVAL-DSNCC-STEP</b> 54 M€	<b>Digital Ship and Naval Combat Cloud</b>	Common ship digital architecture for naval units allowing the operation of different systems of the ship	<i>Studies, design, prototyping, testing</i>	1
 <b>EDF-2025-DA-UWW-AUWN-STEP</b> 25 M€	<b>Advanced underwater networks</b>	New generation of Unmanned Underwater Super Systems (UUSS) and networks	<i>Integrating knowledge, studies, design, prototyping</i>	1

# EDF-2025-DA: zoom on topic PROTMOB-SS implementing Financial Support to Third Parties (cascade funding)



Topic/Budget	Title	Scope*	Mandatory types of activities	Expected # projects funded
 <p>EDF-2025-DA-PROTMOB-SS</p>  <p>35 M€</p>	<p><b>Full size demonstrator for next generation soldier systems</b></p>	<p>Proposals must further develop the concepts and open architecture for soldier systems with leading edge innovative technologies, by increasing the technical maturity of the capability suites to enable evaluation under representative conditions, including prototyping and testing of relevant soldier capability suites and devices.</p>	<p><i>Studies, design, prototyping, testing</i></p>	<p>1</p>



**Financial support to third parties - FSTP (cascade funding)**

- 60 k€ per third party (established in EU, EDF Associated countries and **Ukraine**)
- Priority to start-ups and SMEs.
- Up to **1.2 M€ to FSTP/3.43%** of the requested EU contribution
- Consortia required to organise up to 2 FSTP sub-calls, supporting 5-10 companies each
- Lump sum grants
- Typical activities (not limited to):
  - Boot camps; customised trainings; coaching; technical and business mentoring;
  - Investor pitching events; matchmaking;
  - Hackathons; peer-to-peer evaluation by entrepreneurs;
  - Dedicated business mentors with public and private capital expertise;
  - Organising online training courses, webinars, virtual matchmaking platforms and marketplaces;
  - Technology showcase; internationalisation;
  - Testing
- The recipients may be involved in any type of tasks within the proposal
- **All requirements and instructions in the portal and call document**

# Content of the calls

- EDF-2025-LS-RA-SI
- EDF-2025-DA-SI (incl. FSTP topic)
- EDF-2025-LS-RA-DIS

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**EDF-2025-LS-RA-SI**  
**EDF-2025-DA-SI**

Calls for **spin-in EDF research**  
 and **development** actions



**Type of action:**

EDF-LS-RA: Lump sum Research Action  
 EDF-DA: Development Action

**Number of topics: 4**

**Type of grant:**

EDF-AG-LS: Action Grant Lump Sum  
 EDF-AG: Action Grant

**CALL ID**

**EDF-2025-LS-RA-SI**

**EDF-2025-DA-SI**

**TOPIC ID**

EDF-2025-LS-RA-SI-CYBER-3RAV-STEP

EDF-2025-LS-RA-SI-ENERENV-NH2PS-STEP

EDF-2025-DA-SI-SPACE-3OS

EDF-2025-DA-SI-GROUND-DAMM

**BUDGET**

**40 M€**

**98 M€**

***EUDIS measure***

*Spin-in call builds on results  
 from civil EU funded R&D programmes  
 and adapts to defence applications*

- >>> Access to EU funded civil R&D results
- >>> Same or different consortium composition
- >>> Completed & active civil R&D projects (one or more)

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# EDF-2025-LS-RA-SI: Topics



Topic/Budget	Title	Scope*	Mandatory types of activities	Expected # projects funded
<p><b>EDF-2025-LS-RA-SI-CYBER-3RAV-STEP</b></p> <p> 20 M€</p>	<p><b>Risk, robustness and resilience for autonomous vehicles in military operations</b></p>	<p>The capability of UxVs to be resilient so that they can minimise the consequences of a cyber-attack, and allowing for alternative ways to complete the mission autonomously.</p>	<p><i>Generating knowledge, Integrating knowledge, studies, design</i></p>	<p>≥1</p>
<p><b>EDF-2025-LS-RA-SI-ENERENV-NH2PS-STEP</b></p> <p> 20 M€</p>	<p><b>Naval hybrid propulsion and power systems</b></p>	<p>Design of a prototype, the testbed and general architecture for a future modular and hybrid propulsion systems, hybrid DC power systems and their components for military application, while performing its system integration in a combined digital and physical development environment.</p>	<p><i>Studies, design</i></p>	<p>1</p>

\* Indicative summary

Topic/Budget	Title	Scope*	Mandatory types of activities	Expected # projects funded
 <p><b>EDF-2025-DA-SI-SPACE-3OS</b> 49 M€</p>	<p><b>On-orbit operations and services**</b></p>	<p>Detailed technical feasibility analysis pointing out the operational benefits of space missions designed to perform space-to-space operations for defence applications. Develop a demonstrator of these technologies ready to be launched and compatible with the CONOPS and performances described in the call text.</p>	<p><i>Studies, design</i></p>	<p>1</p>
<p>** <i>The proposals must explore and substantiate potential synergies with the on-going call topics on In-Space Operations and Services (ISOS) within the Horizon Europe Cluster 4 (HORIZON-CL4-SPACE-2025-01-21 to 25) including the High-Level Requirements included in the technical guidance document available at <a href="#">In Space Operations and Services – a strategic ability for the future - European Commission</a></i></p>				
 <p><b>EDF-2025-DA-SI-GROUND-DAMM</b> 49 M€ (max 9,8 M€ per proposal)</p>	<p><b>Drone-based affordable mass munitions</b></p>	<p>The scope concerns loitering munitions and small UCAS for tactical and/or operational level effects. It is expected that each submitted proposal must tackle at least one of the three solutions, indicated in the call document. <b>Duration: up to 24 months. Financial support to third parties.</b></p>	<p><i>Studies, design, prototyping, testing</i></p>	<p>≥5</p>

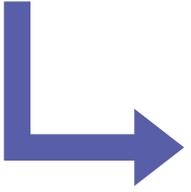
\*Indicative summary



# EDF-2025-DA-SI: zoom on topic GROUND-DAMM implementing Financial Support to Third Parties (cascade funding)



Topic/Budget	Title	Scope*	Mandatory types of activities	Expected # projects funded
<p><b>EDF-2025-DA-SI-GROUND-DAMM</b></p>  <p>49 M€ (max 9,8 M€ per proposal)</p>	<p><b>Drone-based affordable mass munitions</b></p>	<p>The scope concerns Loitering Munitions and small UCAS for tactical and/or operational level effects. It is expected that each submitted proposal must tackle at least one of the three solutions, indicated in the call document. <b>Duration: up to 24 months.</b></p>	<p><i>Studies, design, prototyping, testing</i></p>	<p>≥5</p>



**Financial support to third parties - FSTP (cascade funding)**

- 60 k€ per third party (established in EU, EDF Associated countries and **Ukraine**)
- Priority to start-ups and SMEs.
- Up to 0.6M€ to FSTP/6.12 % of the requested EU contribution
- Consortia required to organise up to 1 FSTP call, supporting 3-10 companies
- Lump sum grants
- Typical activities (not limited to):
  - Customized support for specific challenges; proof of concept; validation; innovation management support.
  - Boot camps; customised trainings; coaching; technical and business mentoring;
  - Hackathons; peer-to-peer evaluation by entrepreneurs;
  - Dedicated business mentors with public and private capital expertise;
  - Technology showcase;
  - Testing
- The recipients may be involved in any type of tasks within the proposal.
- **All requirements and instructions in the portal and call document**



# EDF-2025-LS-RA-DIS: Call for **disruptive EDF research actions** implemented via lump sum grants



**Type of action:**  
EDF-LS-RA: Lump sum Research Action

**Number of topics:** 2

**Type of grant:**  
EDF-AG-LS: Action Grant Lump Sum

**CALL ID**  
EDF-2025-LS-RA-DIS

**TOPIC ID**  
EDF-2025-LS-RA-DIS-GDET  
EDF-2025-LS-RA-DIS-NT

**BUDGET**  
43 M€

## ***EUDIS measure***

***Disruptive technology for defence***  
*enhanced or completely new technology that brings about a radical change, including a paradigm shift in the concepts and conduct of defence affairs such as by replacing existing defence technologies or rendering them obsolete*

- **Consortia of at least 2 legal entities** from at least 2 different Member States or Norway



Topic/Budget	Title	Scope*	Mandatory types of activities	Expected # projects funded
<p><b>EDF-2025-LS-RA-DIS-GDET</b></p> <p>23M€</p> 	<p><b>Great-depth enabling technologies</b></p>	<p>The aim is to progress in undersea operations in deep waters up to a depth of 6000 m, with a concept phase to study and evaluate technologies suitable for platforms and payloads to allow unmanned underwater vehicles (UUV), detection systems, warning systems, communication systems, and weapon systems to perform deep water undersea missions (e.g., SBW missions), or even to be applied on fixed elements such as monitoring systems.</p>	<p><i>Generating knowledge, studies</i></p>	<p>≥1</p>
<p><b>EDF-2025-LS-RA-DIS-NT</b></p> <p>20 M€ (max 4 M€ per proposal)</p> 	<p><b>Non-thematic research actions targeting disruptive technologies for defence</b></p>	<p>Innovative technologies and solutions for defence</p> <p>Awarded projects likely to be under indirect management by EDA</p>	<p><i>Generating knowledge</i></p>	<p>≥5</p>

# Content of the calls

- EDF-2025-LS-RA-CHALLENGE
- EDF-2025-LS-RA-SMERO
- EDF-2025-LS-DA-SME

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# EDF-2025-LS-RA-CHALLENGE: Call for EDF **research** actions, in the form of a **technological challenge**, implemented via lump sum grants



**Type of action:**  
EDF-LS-RA: Lump Sum Research Action

**Number of topics: 2**

**Type of grant:**  
EDF-AG-LS: Action Grant Lump Sum

**CALL ID**  

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**EDF-2025-LS-RA-CHALLENGE**

**TOPIC ID**  

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EDF-2025-LS-RA-CHALLENGE-DIGIT-HAIDO  
EDF-2025-LS-RA-CHALLENGE-DIGIT-HAIDP-STEP

**BUDGET**  

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**27 M€**

## **EUDIS measure**

*Offers a unique combination of **steering mission-driven R&D**, promoting innovation and fostering **community building** for a particular technology*

- »»» Common testing environment to measure progress of different teams in a comparable way
- »»» Blind testing ensuring the objectivity of measurements
- »»» Supports informed choices for end-users about feasibility of solutions for future systems



# EDF-2025-LS-RA-CHALLENGE

## HUMAN-AI DIALOGUE SYSTEMS



Topic/Budget	Title	Scope*	Mandatory types of activities	Expected # projects funded
<b>EDF-2025-LS-RA-CHALLENGE-DIGIT-HAIDO</b>  <span style="float: right;">7 M€</span>	<b>Privacy-preserving Human-AI Dialogue Systems – Organisation of a Technological Challenge</b>	Organise technological challenge for human-AI dialogue systems	<i>Integrating knowledge</i>	1
<b>EDF-2025-LS-RA-CHALLENGE-DIGIT-HAIDP-STEP</b>  <span style="float: right;">20 M€ (max 5 M€ per proposal)</span>	<b>Privacy-preserving Human-AI Dialogue Systems – Participation to a Technological Challenge</b>	Address multilingual written and spoken human-AI dialogue systems that can manage the need-to-know associated to classified information, learn users and explain their answers. Systems to be evaluated through the technological challenge.	<i>Generating knowledge, integrating knowledge</i>	≥4

\* Indicative summary



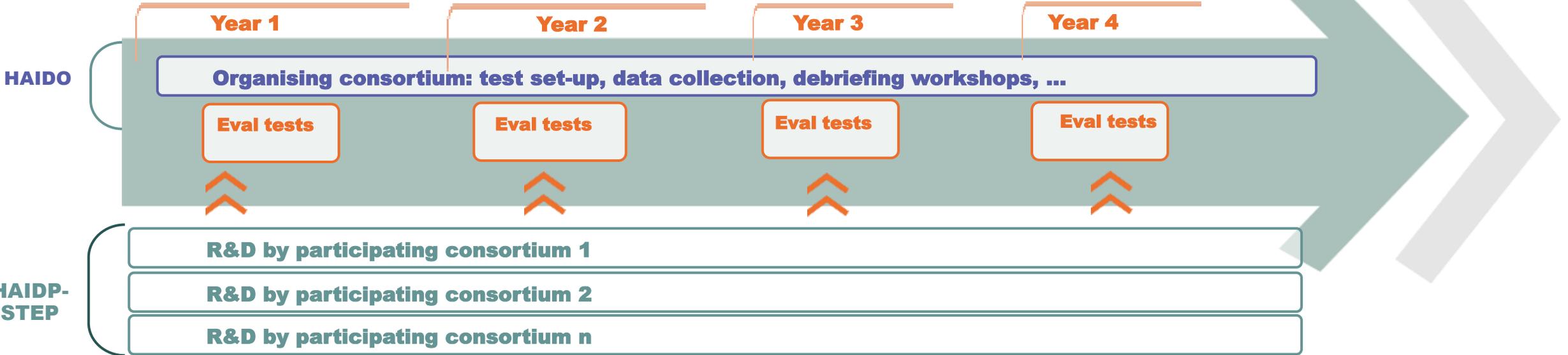
# EDF-2025-LS-RA-CHALLENGE

## HUMAN-AI DIALOGUE SYSTEMS

Implementation



**Networking session on Technological challenges (Day 2)** *The Arc – 14h00*



- Lump sum broken down by participant and work package
- Paid after completion of work package



- Annexed to the Call Document

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# EDF-2025-LS-RA-SMERO: Call for EDF **research** actions, dedicated to **SMEs and research organisations**, implemented via lump sum grants



## Type of action:

EDF-LS-RA: Lump Sum Grant – Research Action

Number of topics: 1

## Type of grant:

EDF-AG-LS: Action Grant Lump Sum

Topic/Budget	Title	Scope*	Mandatory types of activities	Expected # projects funded
 <b>EDF-2025-LS-RA-SMERO-NT</b> 34 M€ <i>(max 4 M€ per proposal)</i>	<b>Non-thematic research actions by SMEs and research organisations</b>	Innovative technologies and solutions for defence. Any area of interest for defence.	<i>At least one among Generating knowledge, integrating knowledge, design. Not only studies</i>	≥8

Awarded projects likely to be under indirect management by EDA

- Beneficiaries and affiliated entities have to be **SMEs and research organisations**, coordinated by an SME
- Up to 40% of funding to research organisations
- Subcontracting strictly limited to 30% of eligible costs for each beneficiary and affiliated entity

### Eligibility

(without prejudice to other applicable eligibility conditions for research actions)

**Tutorial for SME and Mid-cap assessment available on our EDF webpage**





# EDF-2025-LS-DA-SME: Call for EDF **development** actions, dedicated to **SMEs**, implemented via lump sum grants



**Type of action:**  
EDF-LS-DA: Lump Sum Grant – Development Action

**Number of topics:** 1

**Type of grant:**  
EDF-AG-LS: Action Grant Lump Sum

Topic/Budget	Title	Scope*	Mandatory types of activities	Expected # projects funded
<b>EDF-2025-LS-DA-SME-NT</b>  <b>33 M€</b> <i>(max 6 M€ per proposal)</i>	<b>Non-thematic development actions by SMEs</b>	Innovative technologies and solutions for defence Any area of interest for defence	<i>At least one among design, prototyping, testing, qualification, certification and increasing efficiency</i>	≥5

Awarded projects likely to be under indirect management by EDA

- Beneficiaries and affiliated entities have to be **SMEs only**
- Subcontracting strictly limited to 30% of eligible costs for each beneficiary and affiliated entity

## Eligibility

(without prejudice to other applicable eligibility conditions for development actions)

**Tutorial for SME and Mid-cap assessment available on our EDF webpage**

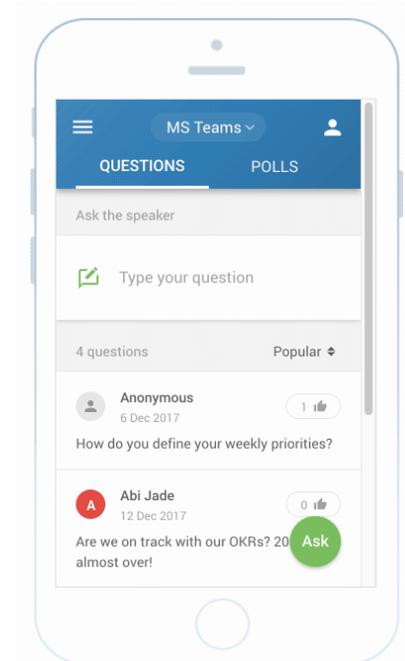


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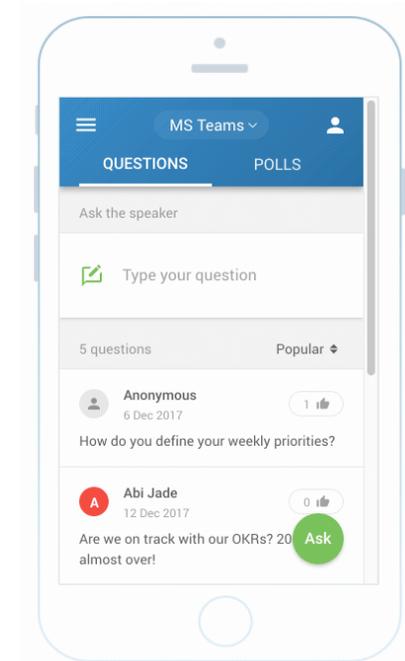


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**EDF-2025**

- **Scan the QR code**
- **Enter your name & event passcode**
- **Ask a question!**



**ASK A QUESTION**



**UPVOTE A QUESTION**

# Lunch break

Resume at 14.30  
(Brussels time)

<b>14.30-15.15</b> (45')	<i>Evaluation of EDF proposals</i>
<b>15.15-15.45</b> (30')	<i>Good practices &amp; Errors to avoid, incl. Q&amp;A</i>
<b>15.45-16.30</b> (45')	<i>Coffee break</i>
<b>16.30-17.00</b> (30')	<i>Financial aspects, incl. Q&amp;A</i>
<b>17.00-17.20</b> (20')	<i>EDF supporting actions</i>
<b>17.20-17.30</b> (10')	<i>Concluding remarks and wrap-up</i>

# EVALUATION OF THE PROPOSALS

- General workflow
- Admissibility conditions
- Exclusion grounds
- Eligibility conditions
  - Consortium
  - Entity
  - Action
- Selection criteria
- Award criteria
- Ethics
- What comes after evaluation

# General workflow

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# General workflow

Evaluation of proposals based on the assessment of 6 conditions and criteria by the **Evaluation Committee (Commission)** with the **assistance of independent experts**



# Call for experts

- Experts assist the Commission in the assessment of the proposals submitted to the EDF 2025 calls
- Expertise in technical areas, ethics or in financial assessment of defence related activities



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# Admissibility conditions Exclusion grounds

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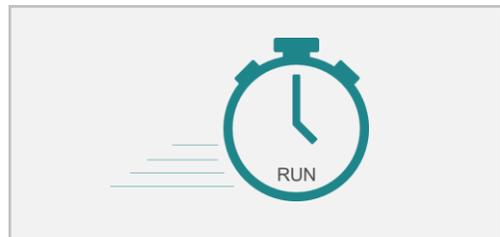
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# Admissibility Conditions

Formal requirements related to the submission and presentation of proposals



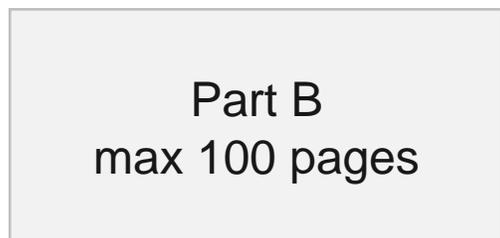
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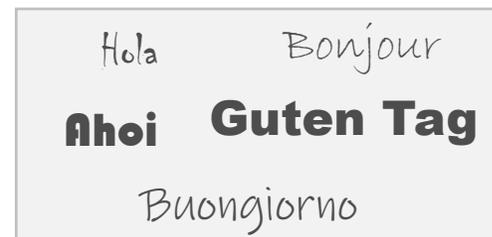
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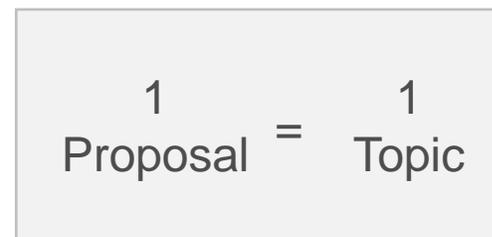
Proposals (including  
annexes) must be **complete**  
and submitted **using the**  
**forms** provided



Description of the proposal  
(part B) should be not longer  
than 100 pages



Proposal in one of the official  
languages of the Union  
(English language encouraged)



Each proposal must only be  
submitted against one topic



Full proposal must be  
**readable, accessible** and  
**printable** and searchable pdf  
files, unless otherwise specified

# Exclusion criteria

Determine if applicants and affiliated entities fall under exclusion grounds



- **Grounds for exclusion are listed under article 138 of the Financial Regulation 2024/2509**

They include:

- Bankruptcy and insolvency situations;
- Non-payment of taxes or social security contributions;
- Grave professional misconduct;
- Fraud, corruption, participation in a criminal organisation, money laundering or terrorist financing and offences, etc.;
- Serious breaches of contract (significant deficiencies in complying with the main obligation in the performance of the contract);
- Irregularity;
- Creation of shell company;
- Refusal to cooperate in investigations, incitement to hatred or discrimination and breach of conflict of interest rules within the notion of grave professional misconduct – **novelty Financial Regulation recast**

- **Declaration of honour and EDES\* Database**

\* **The early detection and exclusion system (EDES)** is the system established by the Commission to reinforce the protection of the Union's financial interests and to ensure sound financial management.

# Read carefully



## Call document – is the main source of information!

Additional documents, referred to in the Call document, may provide clarifications and answers to questions you may have when preparing your application:

- Online Manual
- Annotated Grant Agreement (AGA)
- Frequently Asked Questions in F&T portal
- Topic Q&As

# Eligibility conditions

- Consortium
- Entity
- Action

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# Eligibility of consortia and entities

## Consortia

- at least three independent **eligible** entities
- established in at least three different MS/Norway

## Exception

- call for disruptive technologies (EDF-2025-LS-RA-DIS): at least 2 MS/Norway

## Entities



Natural persons are NOT eligible!

# Entities participating in the action (1/2)



## Beneficiaries

- Members of the consortium/signatories of the GA
  - Need to fulfil eligibility requirements
  - Can claim their own costs

## Affiliated entities

- Entities with a legal or capital link with beneficiaries that can implement part of the action in their own name
  - Need to fulfil same eligibility requirements
  - Can claim their own costs

## Subcontractors involved in the action

- Subcontractors with a direct contractual relationship to a beneficiary
- Subcontractors to which at least 10% of the total eligible cost of the action is allocated
- Subcontractors which may require access to classified information to carry out the action
  - Need to fulfil same eligibility requirements
  - Beneficiary/affiliated entity can charge subcontractors' invoices as subcontracting costs

# Entities participating in the action (2/2)



## Associated partners

- Partner organisations which participate in the action but without the right to get grant money
- Only possible status for:
  - Entities established outside the territory of the Union or Norway
  - Entities controlled by a non-associated third country/entity without guarantee
- Need to fulfil certain conditions
- Work packages cannot be allocated to them
- Costs not eligible for funding

## Other subcontractors and suppliers

- Do not need to fulfil any eligibility conditions

## Third parties in FSTP

- Need to fulfil certain conditions
  - **Ukraine entities allowed**
- No contractual relationship with EC
- Maximum EUR 60 000 per third party

# Special eligibility cases



## Hungarian public interest trusts

Following the [Council Implementing Decision \(EU\) 2022/2506](#), as of 16th December 2022, no legal commitments (including the grant agreement itself as well as subcontracts, purchase contracts, financial support to third parties, etc.) can be signed with Hungarian public interest trusts established under Hungarian Act IX of 2021 or any entity they maintain.

## EU restrictive measures

Entities included into “sanctions lists” are not eligible to participate in any capacity, including as beneficiaries, affiliated entities, associated partners, subcontractors or recipients of financial support to third parties (if any). [EU Sanctions Map](#)

# Eligibility of entities (1/3)

## Control: **definition**



**Not subject to control**

Beneficiaries, affiliated entities and subcontractors involved in an action shall not be subject to **control** by a non-associated third country or by a non-associated third-country entity (Art. 9(3), EDF Regulation).

**Control?**

= Ability to exercise a **decisive influence** on an entity, directly or indirectly through one or more intermediate entities (Art. 2(6), EDF Regulation)

**Decisive influence?**

= Possibility to **influence strategic business decisions** of the entity, *de jure* or *de facto*:

- Appointment and removal of senior management
- Budget
- Investment business plan
- Market-specific decisions

# Eligibility of entities (2/3)

## Control: **submission template**



### 01 Ownership control declaration (OCD)

- **Self-declaration**
- **Mandatory** at submission (except public bodies, validated as such in the Funding & Tenders Portal)
- Applicants to mandatorily **tick one of the boxes** “EU control”, “non-EU control”, “no change” (*Note: When ticking “no change”, refer to a previous EU funded project*)
- Possibility to submit supporting documents with your self-declaration



[Corporate guidance on restricted Calls](#)



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### 02 Ownership control assessment (OCA)

- On the basis of OCD, OCA is performed during GAP by the Central Validation Service (CVS) for **new participants** and **participants whose OCA is older than 18 months**
- Concerned entities to **provide all relevant information and all requested supporting documents** regarding their control status to CVS



# Eligibility of entities (3/3)

## Control: **submission template** - Guarantees



By way of derogation, a legal entity established in the EU/Norway, but controlled by non-associated third country/entity, shall be eligible if **guarantees** approved by the country of establishment (EU/Norway) are made available to the Commission (Article 9.4, EDF Regulation)

### Who? When?

- **Self-declared non-EU controlled entities:** Guarantees preferably to be submitted at submission stage, and mandatorily submitted during Grant agreement preparation (GAP)
- **Entities assessed as non-EU controlled at GAP stage:** Guarantees to be mandatorily submitted by the concerned entities upon request by DG DEFIS

### What? How?

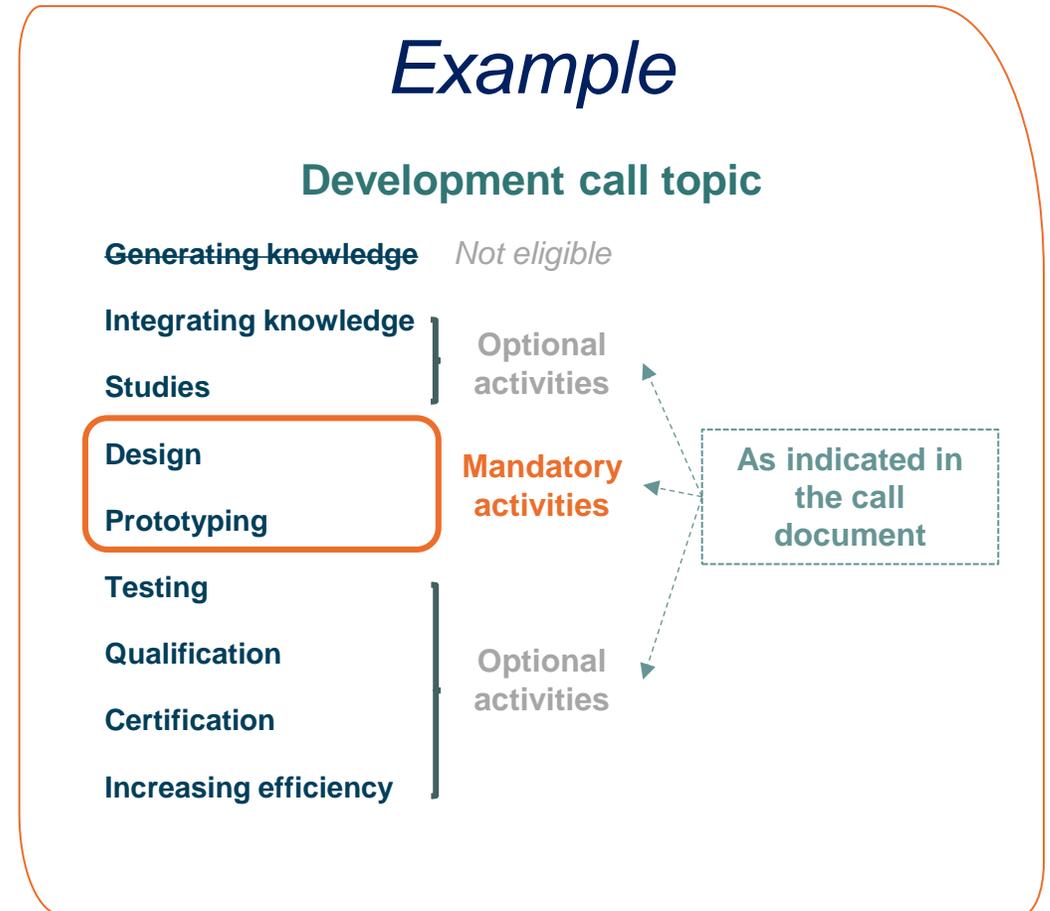
- Guarantees must be **approved by the country of establishment** (MS/Norway) of the concerned entity
- Guarantees must substantiate **measures ensuring that the participation of the entity does not contravene the security and defence interests of the Union and of the Member States** (Article 9(4), EDF Regulation):
  - No risk in the ability to perform the action, no restrictions due to control (**security of supply**)
  - Sensitive information not accessible to third-country entity (**security of information**)
  - No transfer of IP (**IPR remains in the EU**)
- Guarantee to be submitted **for each EDF project** the entity is participating in

# Eligibility of the action (1/4)



## An action must:

- Correspond to the **topic** against which it is submitted
- Address **new defence products or technologies** or **upgrade of existing ones**
- Cover **mandatory activities** as indicated in the call



# Eligibility of the action (2/4)



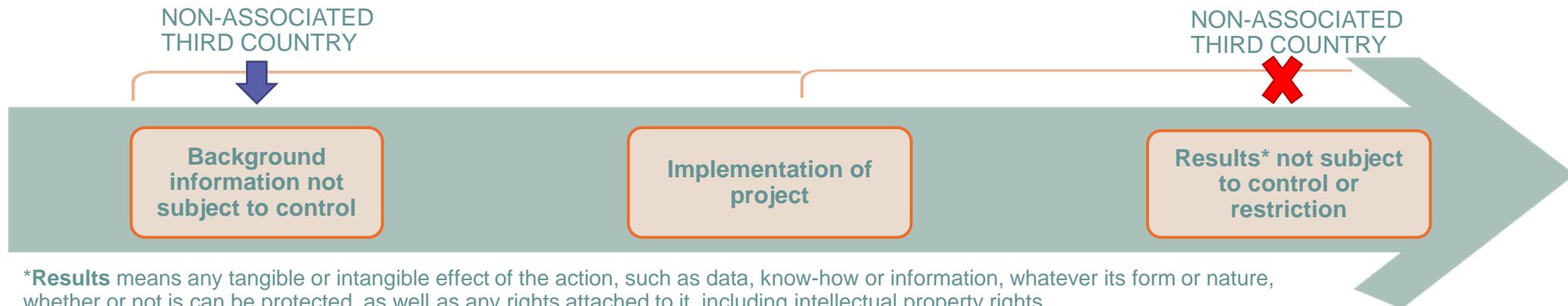
## Ineligible action

- Products/technologies which use, development or production is **prohibited by applicable international law**
- **Lethal autonomous weapons** without the possibility for meaningful human control over selection and engagement decisions when carrying out strikes against humans\*

\* without prejudice to the possibility of providing funding for actions for the development of early warning systems and countermeasures for defensive purposes

## Controlled results

- For **upgrading of existing products and technologies**, consortia also have to **demonstrate** they have the **rights** to use the background information **to upgrade**
- **Results\*** supported by the Fund shall **not be subject to any control or restriction** by non-associated third countries



\*Results means any tangible or intangible effect of the action, such as data, know-how or information, whatever its form or nature, whether or not it can be protected, as well as any rights attached to it, including intellectual property rights.

# Eligibility of the action (3/4)

## Call-specific / topic-specific conditions



### Development actions

- **Costs** of the action not covered by Union support are to be covered by other means of financing (e.g. **Member States/Norway co-financing, private funds**)
- **Design** activities must be based on **harmonised defence capability requirements** jointly agreed by at least two Member States or Norway (flexibility if project covers also 'studies')
- **System prototyping, testing, qualification and certification**, the consortium shall demonstrate by means of documents issued by national authorities:
  - 1) **common technical specifications** jointly agreed by the Member States or Norway that are to co-finance or that intend to jointly procure the final product or to jointly use the technology (flexibility if project covers also 'design').
  - 2) the **intention to procure** the final product or to use the technology in a coordinated way, including through joint procurement where applicable, by at least two Member States or Norway

### FSTP

*(topics EDF-2025-DA-PROTMOB-SS and EDF-2025-DA-SI-GROUND-DAMM)*

**Grant beneficiaries to provide financial support to third parties (FSTP) / cascade funding**

- Third parties:
  - In priority start-ups and SMEs;
  - Established in EU, Norway or Ukraine.
- Call document describes what support should be provided to third parties

# Eligibility of the action (4/4)

## Call-specific / topic-specific conditions



### Call EDF-2025-LS-RA-SMERO

**Consortium (and affiliated entities):** composed of **small and medium-sized enterprises\*** (SMEs) and **research organisations\*\*** (eligibility). Coordinator must be an SME.

- **Research organisations** within the consortium and affiliated entities cannot be allocated more than 40% of total requested grant amount for the project
- For each member of the consortium and each affiliated entity, **subcontracting** will be **strictly limited to 30% of its eligible costs**

### Call EDF-2025-LS-DA-SME

**Consortium (and affiliated entities):** composed of **small and medium-sized enterprises\*** (SMEs) only (eligibility)

- For each member of the consortium and each affiliated entity, **subcontracting** will be **strictly limited to 30% of its eligible costs**

### Call EDF-2025-RA-SI

### Call EDF-2025-DA-SI

#### Proposals:

- Build upon or integrate results achieved within one or several projects funded under a civil EU programme (focus on civil applications)
- Applicants must have the necessary rights to use and commercialise results of precursor project(s)
- Declarations to be provided in Part B

\* **SME** - small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) within the meaning of [EU Recommendation 2003/361](#)

\*\* **research organisations** - non-profit organisations which carry out research and/or technological development as their main objective

# **Selection criteria**

# **Award criteria**

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# Selection Criteria

## Financial Capacity

Demonstrate stable and sufficient sources of funding to maintain activity throughout the duration of the grant and to participate in the funding of the action



CVS Validation

Assess applicant's (and affiliated entities') capacity to complete the proposed action



Tutorial on selection criteria

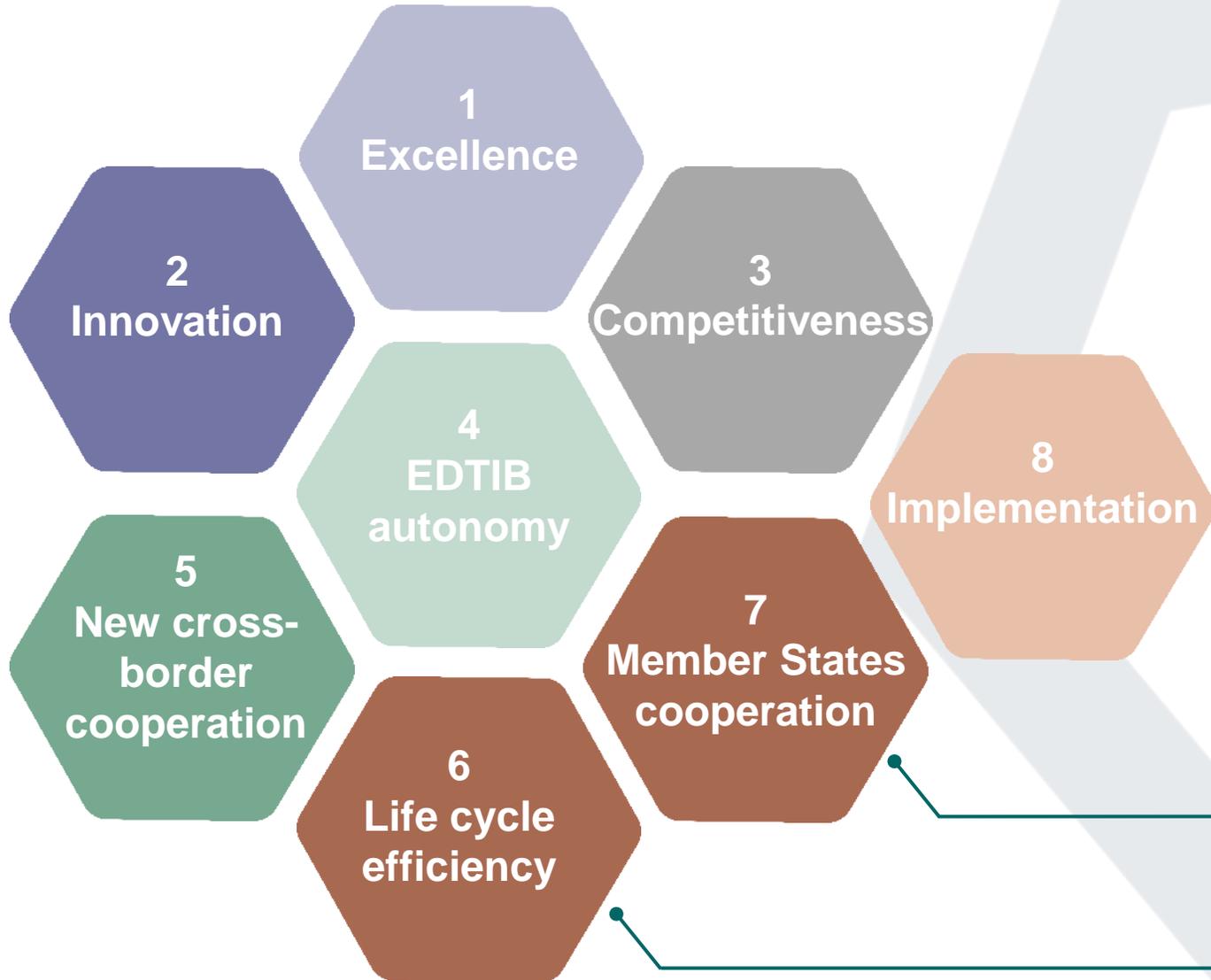
## Operational Capacity

Demonstrate professional competencies and qualifications required to complete the proposed action



Information to be included in Part B and Annexes

# Award criteria - overview



Tutorial on award criteria

**Criteria 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 8  
Applicable to all calls  
(Research and Development)**

**Criteria 6 & 7 only applicable  
to Development calls**

# Award criteria – all calls



1  
Excellence

Excellence of **concept and methodology, scope and requirements**, potential of **disruption** in the **defence domain** or **advantages** over existing defence products or technologies

2  
Innovation

Innovation potential, **ground-breaking or novel concepts and approaches, technological improvements** in the defence sector, integration of existing knowledge and **spin-off potential**

3  
Competitiveness

**Positive balance of cost-efficiency and effectiveness**, creating new market opportunities across the Union and beyond, accelerating the growth of companies

4  
EDTIB  
autonomy

Contribution to the **autonomy** of the (EDTIB), **reducing dependencies** on non-EU sources and strengthening security of supply

5  
New cross-  
border  
cooperation

creation of **new cross-border cooperation** between entities in MS and associated countries, in particular **SMEs and mid-caps** with a substantial participation in the action

6(RA)/8(DA)  
Implementation

**Quality and efficiency** in carrying out of the action

# Award criteria – ONLY for Development calls



20  
25

## 6 Life cycle efficiency

The contribution to **increasing efficiency across the life cycle** of defence products and technologies, including cost-effectiveness and the potential for synergies in the procurement, maintenance and disposal processes.

## 7 Member States cooperation

The contribution to the further **integration of the European defence industry** throughout the Union through the demonstration by the recipients that Member States have undertaken to jointly use, own or maintain the final product or technology in a coordinated manner.

# Scoring and weighting



**Scoring according to a predefined scale:**  
each criterion scored from 0 to 5 (half points allowed)



## Weighting

Criterion	Research	Development
1 – Excellence	2	2
2 – Innovation	2	1
3 – Competitiveness	1	1
4 – EDTIB autonomy	1	2
5 – New cross border cooperation	2	2
6 – Life cycle efficiency	Not applicable	1
7 – MS cooperation	Not applicable	1
6/8 – Implementation	1	1
<b>Min. pass score/ max. score</b>	<b>30/45</b>	<b>37/55</b>

**No threshold for individual criterion**

# Ethics

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# Ethics issues table and ethics self-assessment



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## Part A

4 - Other questions		
Ethics Issues Table <span style="float: right;">?</span>		
<b>1. Human embryonic stem cells and human embryos</b> <span style="float: right;">Page</span>		
Does this activity involve human embryonic stem cells (hESCs)?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	12
Will they be directly derived from embryos within this project?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
Are they previously established cell lines?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
Are the cell lines registered in the European registry for human embryonic stem cell line?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
Does this activity involve the use of human embryos?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
<b>2. Humans</b> <span style="float: right;">Page</span>		
Does this activity involve human participants?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	14
Are they volunteers for non medical studies (e.g. social or human sciences)?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
Are they healthy volunteers for medical studies?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
Are they patients for medical studies?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	15
Are they potentially vulnerable individuals or groups?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
Are they children/minors?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
Are they other persons unable to give informed consent?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
Does this activity involve interventions (physical also including imaging technology, behavioural treatments, tracking and tracing etc.) on the study participants?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
Does this activity involve conducting a clinical study as defined by the Clinical Trial Regulation (EU 536/2014) (using pharmaceuticals, biologicals, radiopharmaceuticals, or advanced therapy medicinal products)?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
<b>3. Human cells / tissues</b> <span style="float: right;">Page</span>		
Does this activity involve the use of human cells or tissues (not covered by section 1)?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
<b>4. Personal data</b> <span style="float: right;">Page</span>		
Does this activity involve processing of personal data?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	



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[how-to-complete-your-ethics-self-assessment\\_en.pdf \(europa.eu\)](https://european-commission.europa.eu/how-to-complete-your-ethics-self-assessment_en.pdf)

# Ethics self-assessment

## Part A



20  
25

Ethics Self-Assessment ?

**Ethical dimension of the objectives, methodology and likely impact**

*Explain in detail the identified issues in relation to:*

- objectives of the activities (e.g. study of vulnerable populations, etc.)
- methodology (e.g. clinical trials, involvement of children, protection of personal data, etc.)
- the potential impact of the activities (e.g. environmental damage, stigmatisation of particular social groups, political or financial adverse consequences, misuse, etc.)

Remaining characters 5000

**Compliance with ethical principles and relevant legislation**

*Describe how the issue(s) identified in the ethics issues table above will be addressed in order to adhere to the ethical principles and what will be done to ensure that the activities are compliant with the EU/national legal and ethical requirements of the country or countries where the tasks are to be carried out. It is reminded that for activities performed in a non-EU country, they should also be allowed in at least one EU Member State.*

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# What comes after evaluation

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# EDF 2025 – What comes after the evaluation ?



18 February 2025

16 October 2025

May 2026

Sept/Oct. 2026

Nov./Dec. 2026



Establishment of the Security Framework

# PROPOSAL PREPARATION

## Errors to avoid & Good practices

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# Competition is increasing



## Proposals received

298

238

142

134

Projects funded

61

41

60

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2021

2022

2023

2024

Stable EDF yearly budget ~ EUR 1 billion  
+ Increased number of proposals



Increased competition  
+ Lower success rates,  
in particular in non-thematic calls  
LS-RA-DIS and LS-RA-SMERO

➤ Important not to neglect any  
aspect of your proposal

# Some issues commonly encountered in submitted proposals



- Issues with the submission process
- Causes for inadmissibility
- Causes for ineligibility
- Causes for lower scores on award criteria

# Issues with proposal submission



- Last minute IT issues before submission prevent submission on time
- Passwords are not sent to [DEFIS-EDF-PROPOSALS-PWD@ec.europa.eu](mailto:DEFIS-EDF-PROPOSALS-PWD@ec.europa.eu) or are misplaced
- Main coordinator contact information is not up-to-date or email is not checked
- Documents are submitted in a format different from the one indicated in the template
- Old version of templates
- Converted document is not readable and original versions of pdf documents are misplaced
- Completely different template is used
- Information is inconsistent across different parts of the proposal (e.g. budget and participant information)

# Causes for inadmissibility



- Mandatory annexes are not included
- Mandatory templates are not used
- Annexes are not fully filled in
- Annexes are not included for all participants
- Annexes are not signed
- Annexes are not signed by the appropriate person

*Call  
Document  
Chapter 5.*

# Causes for ineligibility



- Single applicants
- Minimum number of entities are not independent
- Beneficiaries, affiliated entities or subcontractors involved in the action not from eligible countries (EU/Norway)
- Infrastructure, facilities, assets and resources used to carry out the action not in eligible countries (EU/Norway)
- Mandatory activities indicated in the topic not included in the proposal

*Call  
Document  
Chapter 6.*

# Causes for ineligibility

## Errors with specific conditions



### LS-DA-SME/LS-RA-SMERO:

- Consortium not composed by SMEs
- SME self-assessment not performed or outdated
- Subcontracting per applicant >30% of its eligible costs

### LS-RA-SMERO:

- Coordinator not an SME
- Research organisations not registered as “research organisation” in the participant registry
- Budget allocated to research organisations >40% of the total requested grant amount

# Causes for ineligibility

## Errors with specific conditions

### DEVELOPMENT ACTIONS:

- Declared co-financing amounts not covering co-financing needs for the entire action
- Proposals addressing design activities not based on harmonised defence capability requirements jointly agreed by at least two MS/Norway
- Proposals addressing prototyping, testing, qualification or certification activities not having at least two MS/Norway intending to procure the final product or use the technology in a coordinated manner, and/or actions not based on jointly agreed common technical specifications

### SPIN-IN calls:

- No information on project/s funded under another EU programme on which the proposal builds upon

# Causes of lower scores on award criteria



## General

- Proposals “not detailed enough” or containing “insufficient information”, not allowing a proper assessment
- Proposals not proofread for clarity
- Template questions not replied to
- Inconsistencies between part A and part B
- Description of the proposal (part B) longer than 100 pages, or not respecting formatting and font size requirements → pages over the page limit are not evaluated.
- Weakness: single or multiple severe shortcomings that cannot be remedied during grant agreement preparation → score cannot be above 2,5/5

# Causes of lower scores on award criteria



## Criterion 1: Excellence

- Overall concept and soundness of the solution not fit for applications in the defence domain
- Functional requirements in non-thematic calls not well formulated or not relevant in a defence context
- “Disruption in the defence domain” (as defined in the EDF regulation) should not be confused by “disruptive innovation”

# Causes of lower scores on award criteria



## Criterion 2: Innovation

- Big, complex proposals on ongoing projects may lack innovative concepts
- IP ownership of results from past or ongoing projects to be used in the project not always clearly explained
- Looking for spin-off to other applications/products in the civil domain (e.g. security, emergency) but not in the Defence domain

# Causes of lower scores on award criteria



## Criterion 3: Competitiveness

- Competitive advantage of the product/technology/solution vis-a-vis existing or planned solutions not convincing
- Market analysis (EU, global) superficial, not containing quantitative data or not oriented to the defence market
- No real IP strategy included in the proposal – a mere reference made to the consortium agreement to be concluded before the start of the project is not convincing

# Causes of lower scores on award criteria



## Criterion 4: Contribution to autonomy and security and defence interest

- Technological non-dependence from third countries not demonstrated
- Strengthening of the European security of supply, including the creation of NEW supply chains, not demonstrated
- Contribution to the defence capability priorities agreed by Member States (in particular those from CDP (see version releasable to industry on EDA website) not convincingly substantiated

# Causes of lower scores on award criteria



## Criterion 5: New cross-border cooperation

- Novelty of cross-border cooperation not substantiated (enough) notably in big consortia and follow-up projects
- Planned future cross-border cooperation not elaborated in the proposal or not convincing
- Extent and added value of SMEs and mid-caps participating in the action, in particular cross-border ones, not substantiated enough in Part B (should combine qualitative information with quantitative information from detailed budget table)
- SMEs and mid-caps not indicated as such in the Detailed Budget Table annex

# Causes of lower scores on award criteria



DA only

## Criterion 6: Life cycle efficiency

- No re-use/recycling strategies
- Not touching on maintenance/durability aspects
- Not touching on aspects of using the solutions under relevant (e.g., harsh) military conditions

# Causes of lower scores on award criteria



DA only

## Criterion 7: Integration of the European defence industry

- Proposals not going beyond the minimum number of Member States that intend to use, own or maintain the solutions
- No credibly foreseen (future) cooperation with other Member States, joint procurement, ownership, operation and in-service support

# Causes of lower scores on award criteria



## Criterion 6 (RA) / 8 (DA): Implementation

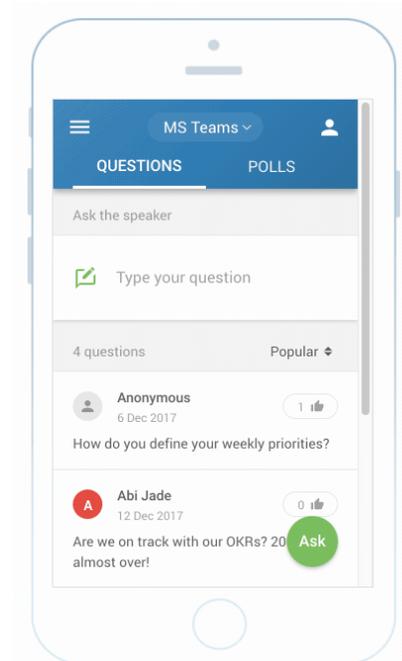
- Work plan badly structured: timing, inter-relation between work packages
- Missing visual representation, Gantt chart, Pert chart or similar
- Milestones difficult to check
- No connection between tasks and deliverables
- Management structures too complicated for the size of the consortium or the project
- Incomplete risk identification/risk diversion strategies. Assessment of likelihood/impact of risks not provided or unclear
- Unclear link between allocation of resources and allocation of tasks to participants
- Erroneously copying information from other proposals (including wrong acronyms or project durations...)

# Q&A Time !

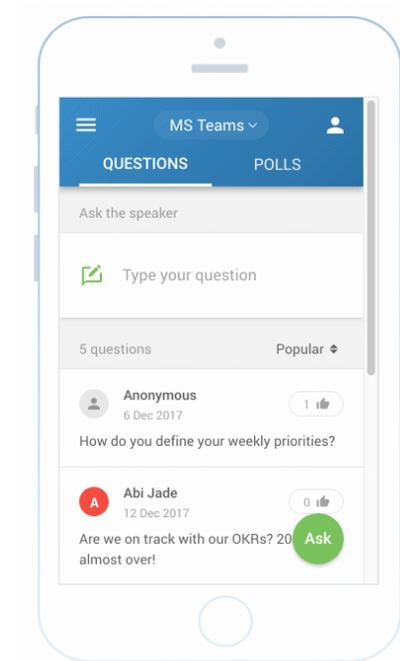


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**EDF-2025**

- **Scan the QR code**
- **Enter your name & event passcode**
- **Ask a question!**



**ASK A QUESTION**



**UPVOTE A QUESTION**

# Coffee break

Resume at 16.30  
(Brussels time)

<b>16.30-17.00</b> (30')	<i>Financial aspects, incl. Q&amp;A</i>
<b>17.00-17.20</b> (20')	<i>EDF supporting actions</i>
<b>17.20-17.30</b> (10')	<i>Concluding remarks and wrap-up</i>

# **FINANCIAL ASPECTS**

- TYPE OF GRANTS
- PAYMENT SCHEME

# Forms of funding & Funding rates

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# Type of grants in EDF 2025



RESEARCH



DEVELOPMENT

# Type of grants in EDF 2025

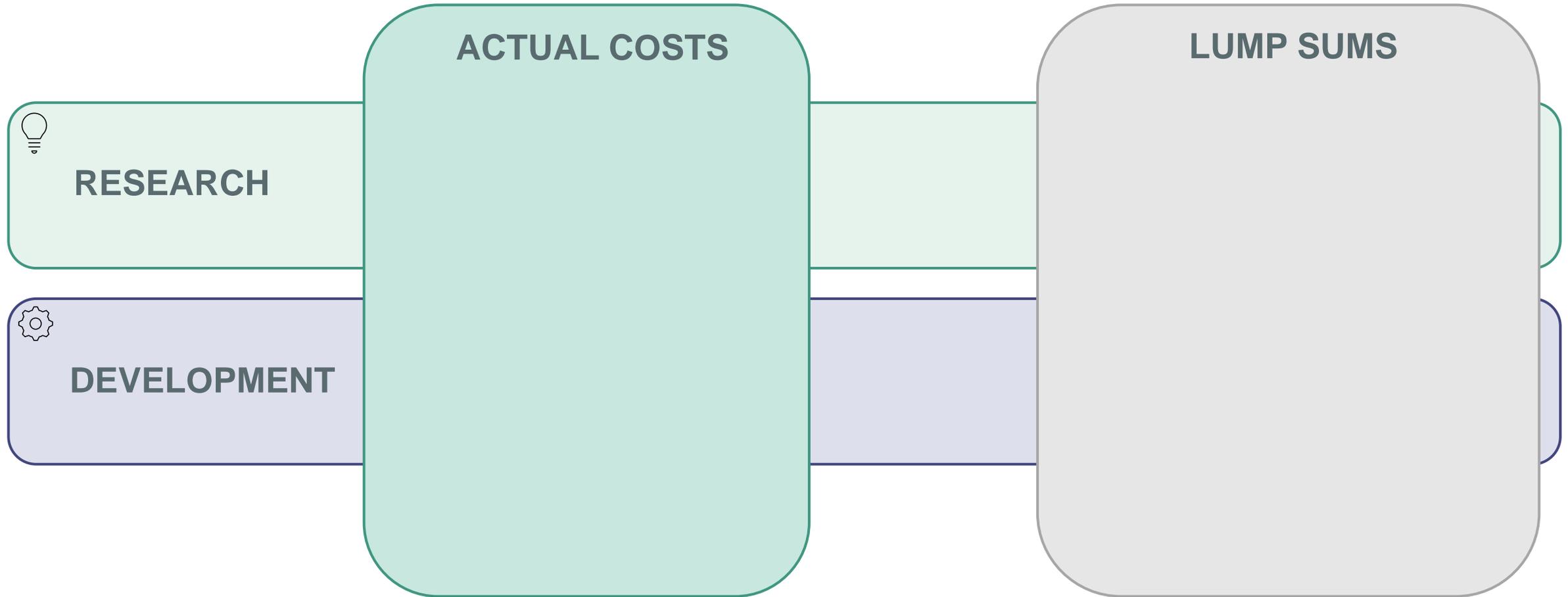


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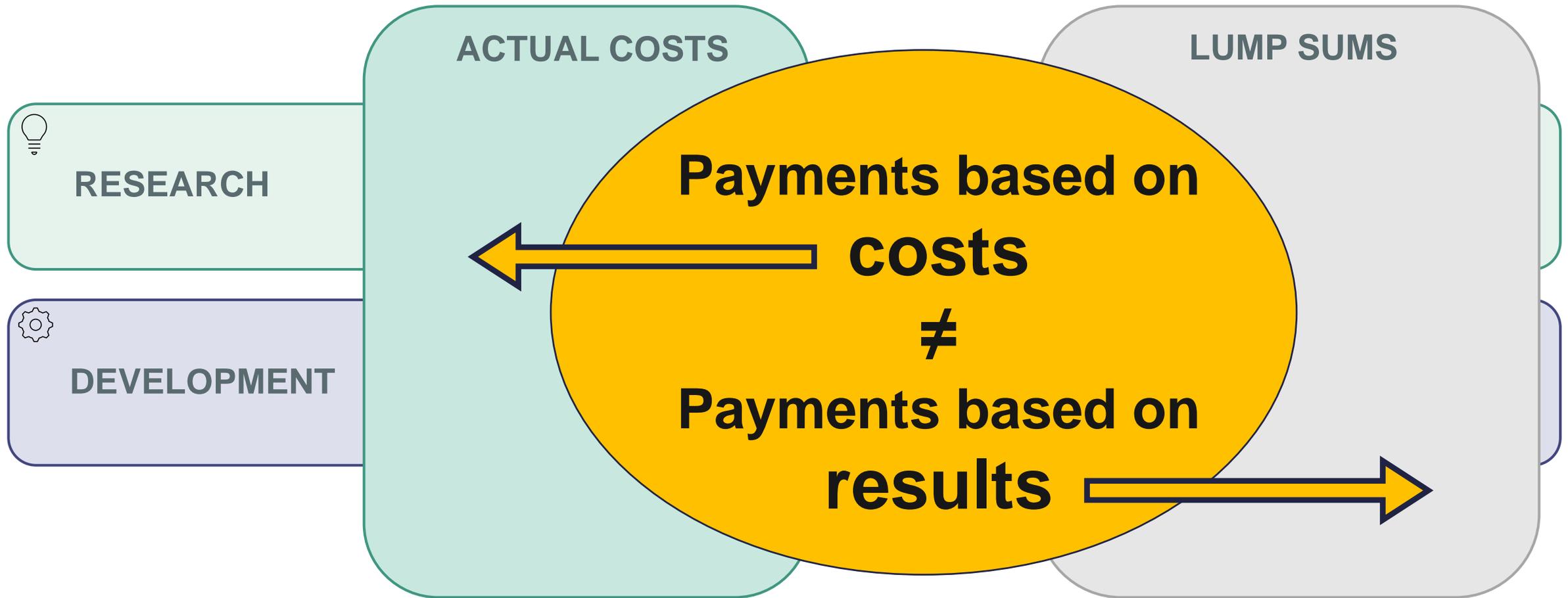
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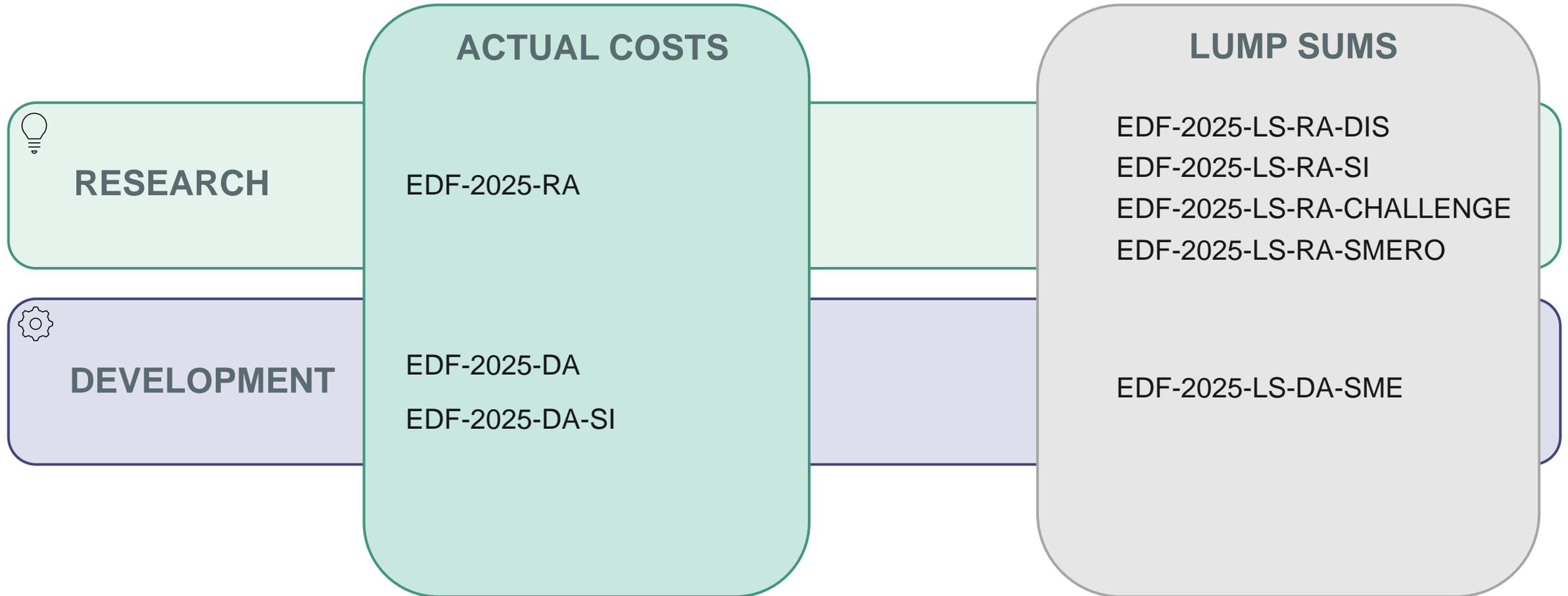
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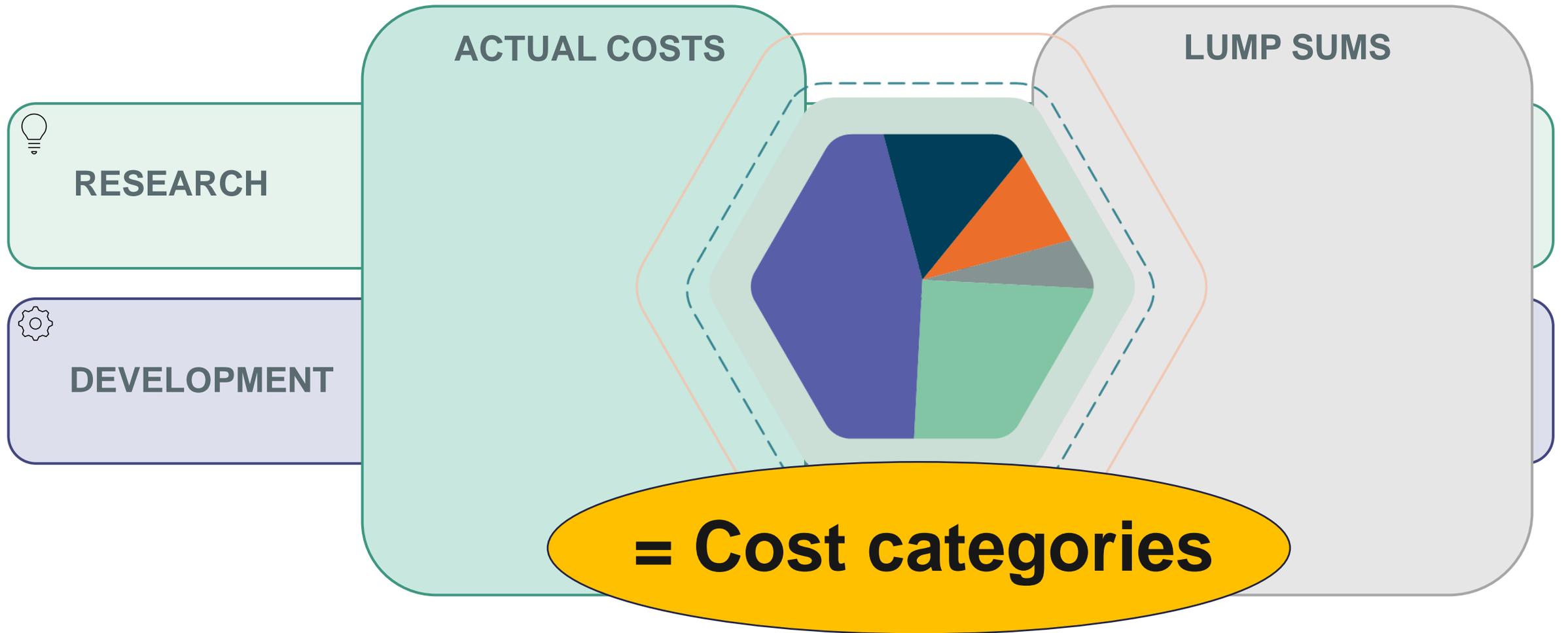
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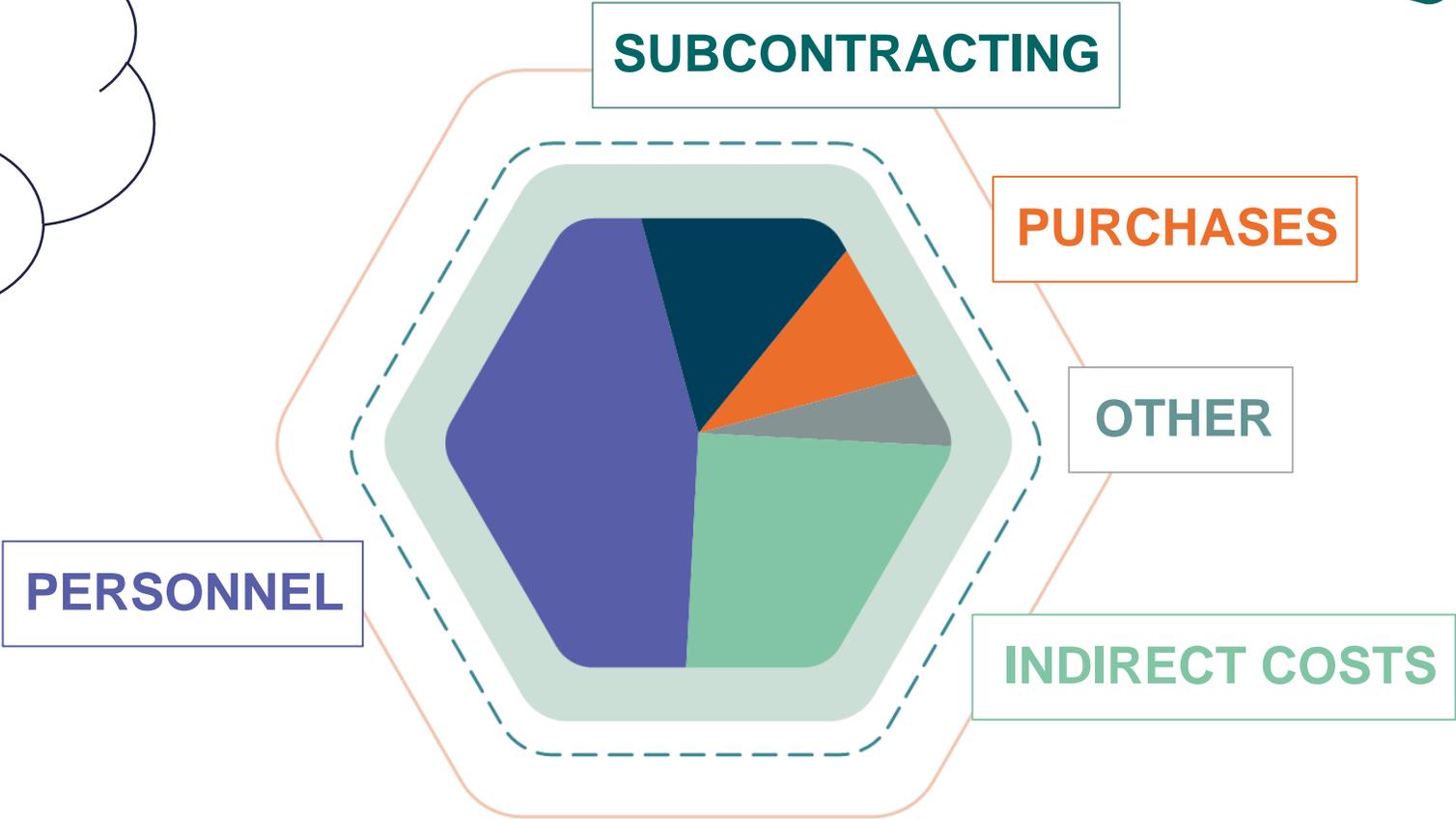
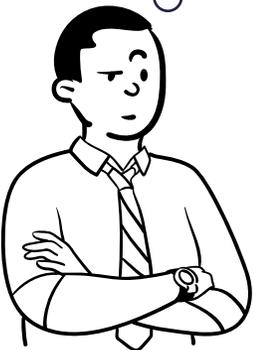


# Type of grants in EDF 2025



# Cost categories in EDF

I need an ESTIMATED BUDGET of the action for the proposal...  
COST categories



# Cost categories in EDF

Personnel costs – reporting of employees:

- Actual costs
- Unit/Average costs

Equipment (purchases)

Indirect costs option:

- 25% flat rate
- Actual indirect costs

PERSONNEL

SUBCONTRACTING

PURCHASES

OTHER

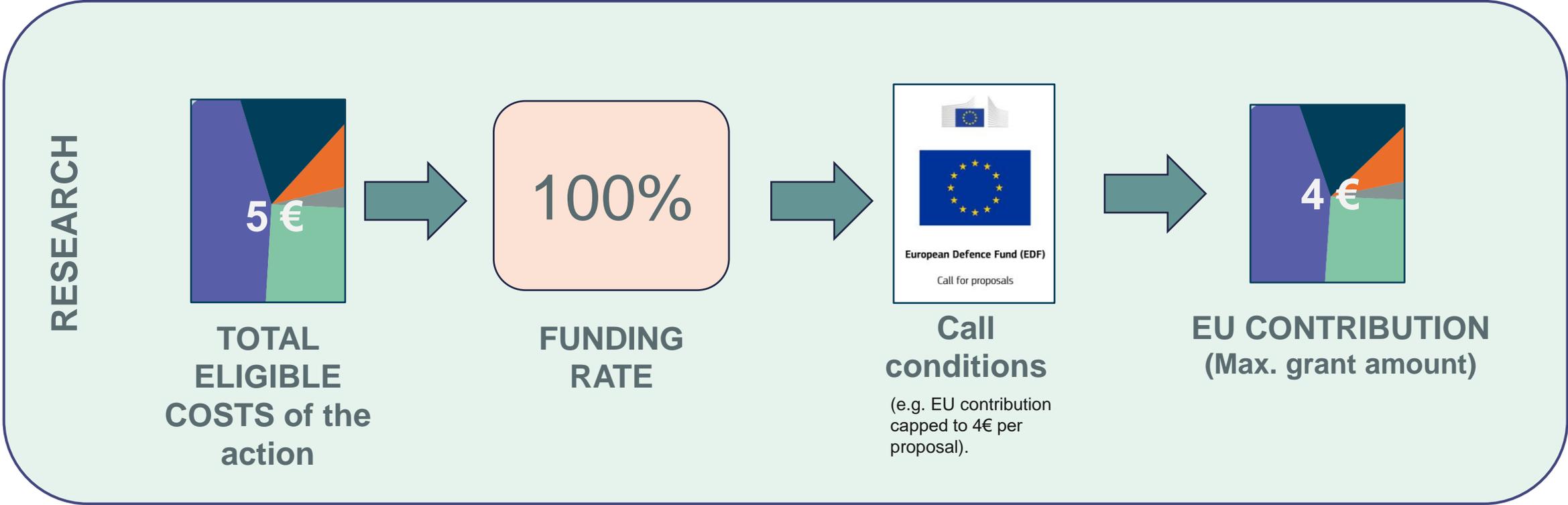
INDIRECT COSTS



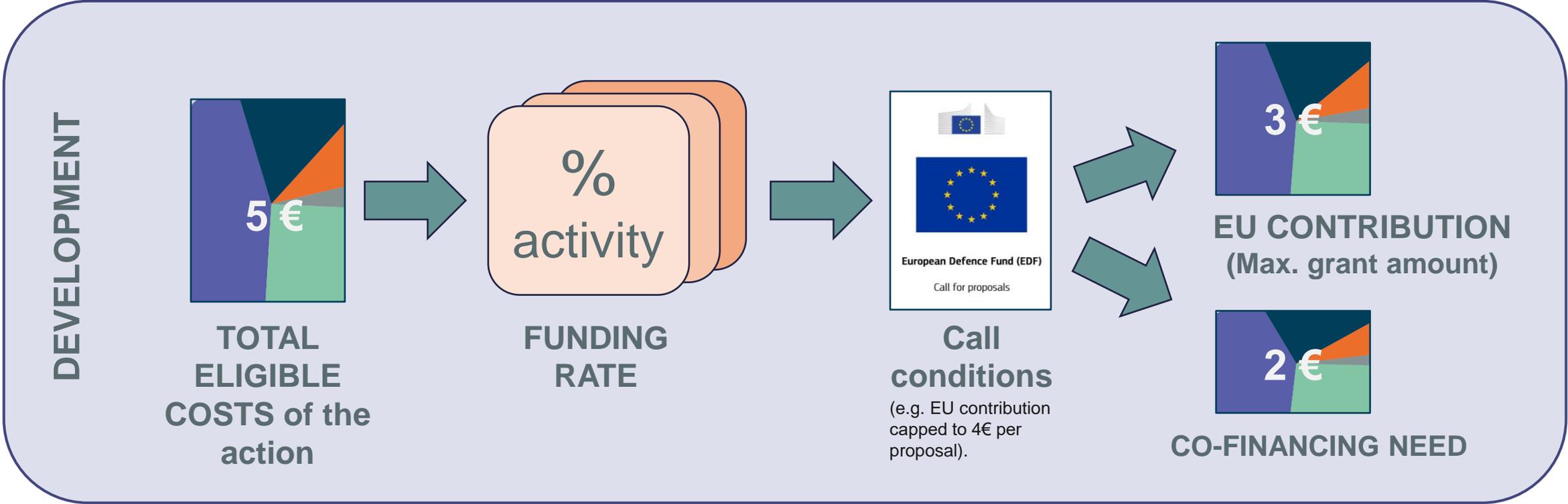
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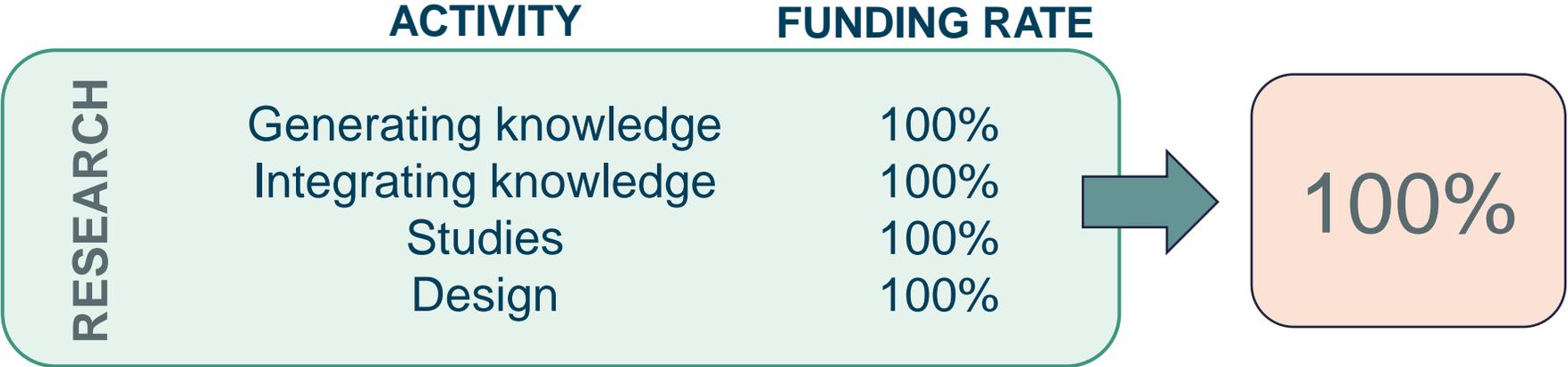
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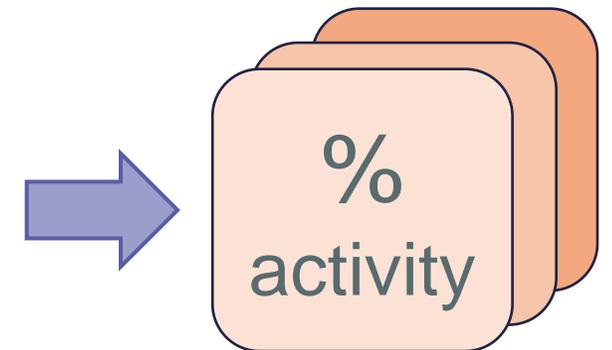
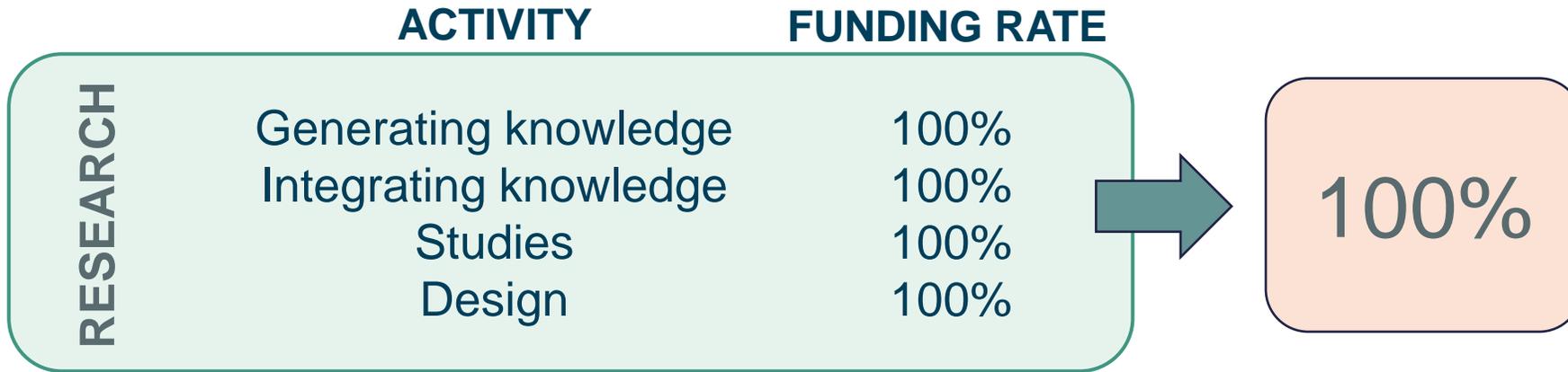
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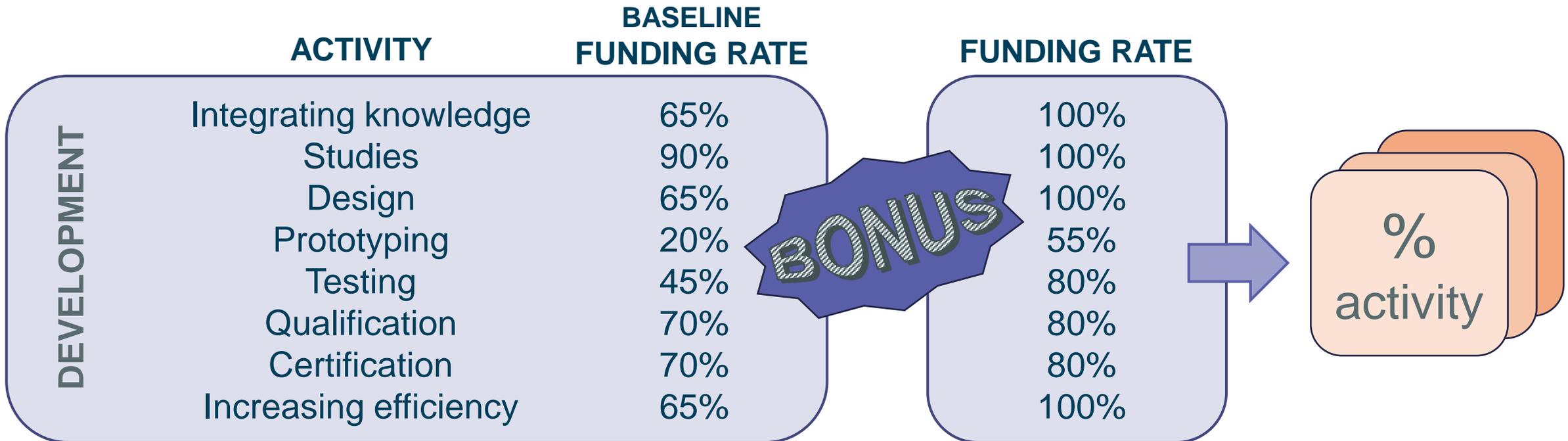
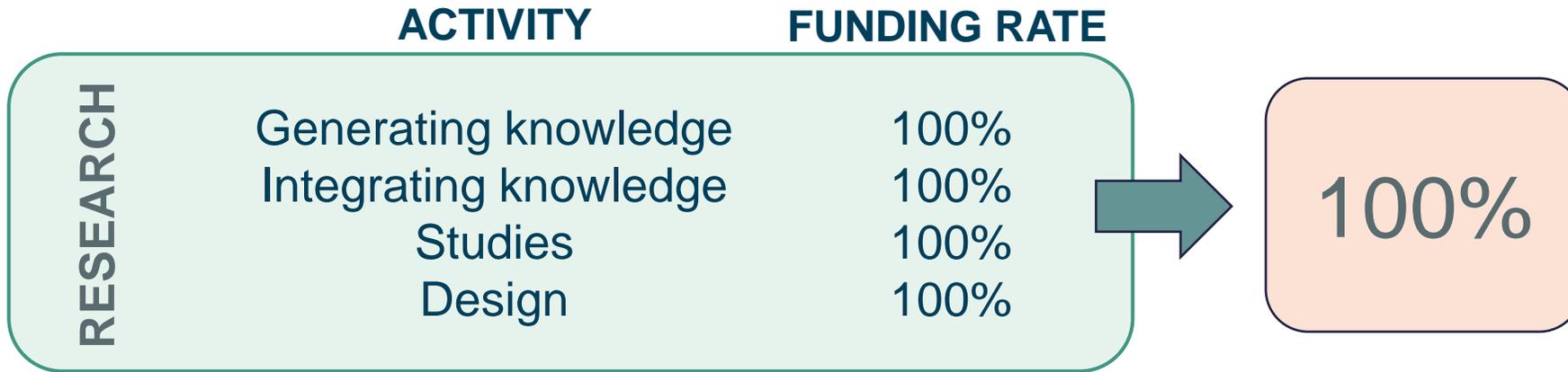
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# The bonus system: an example



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\* Bonus is automatically calculated in the detailed budget table. This example is presented to illustrate the principles.



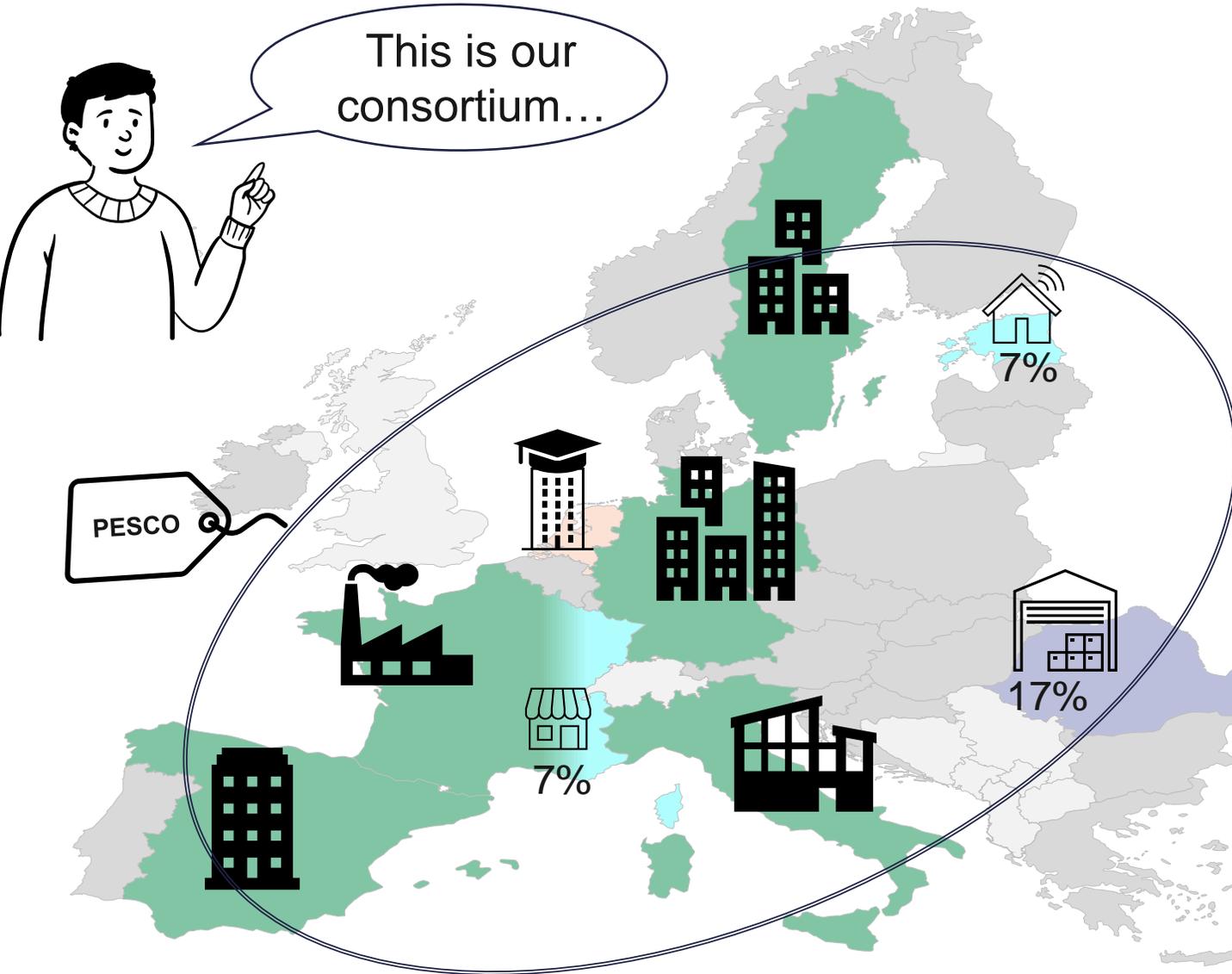
Bonus for our PROTOTYPING activity?

PESCO?

MIDCAPS?

SME?

# The bonus system: an example

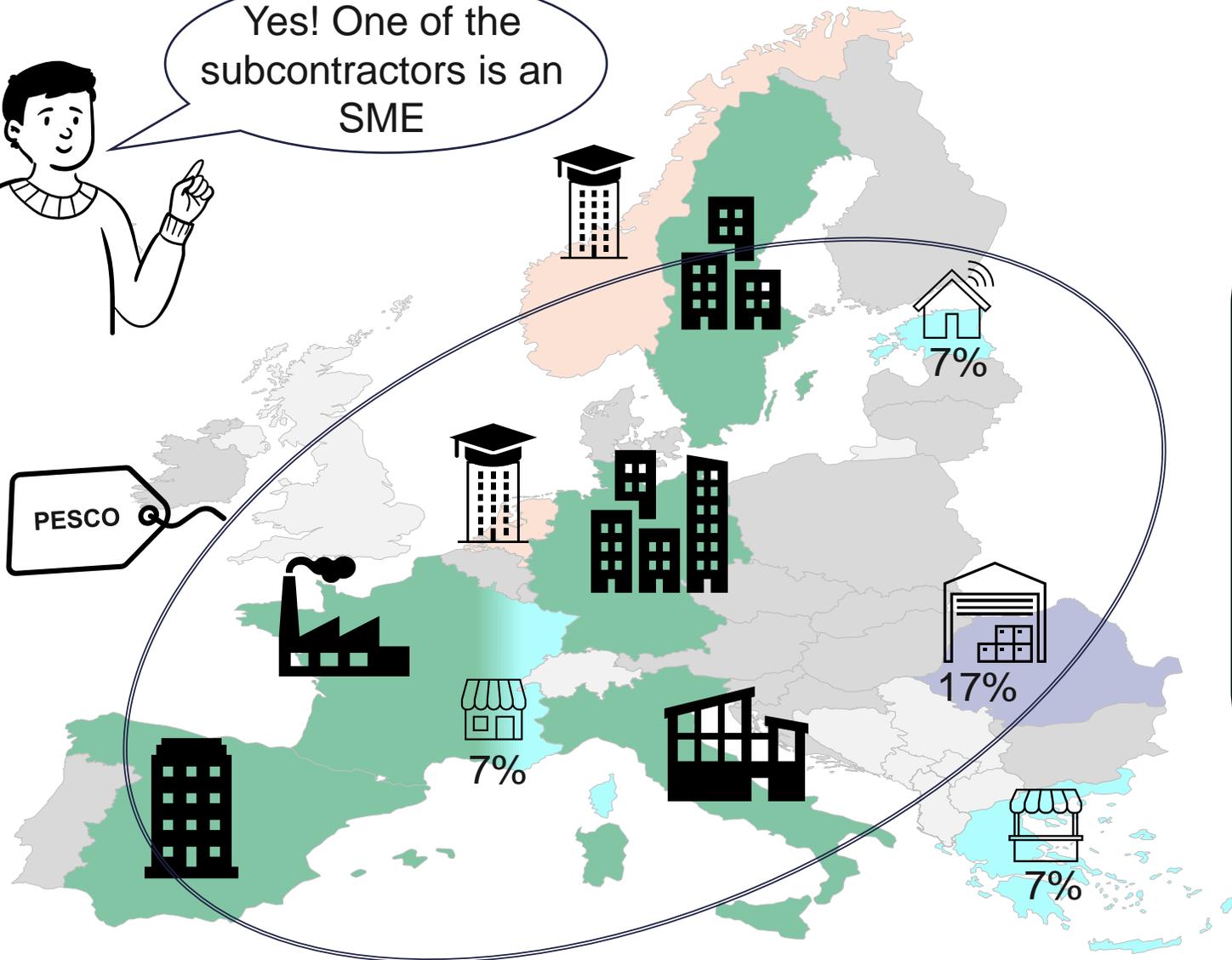


## Consortium composition in Prototyping...

- LARGE COMPANY
- RESEARCH ORGANIZATION
- MID-CAP
- SME

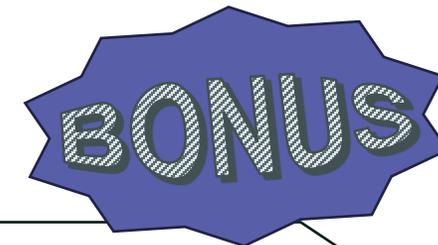
And SUBCONTRACTORS?

# The bonus system: an example

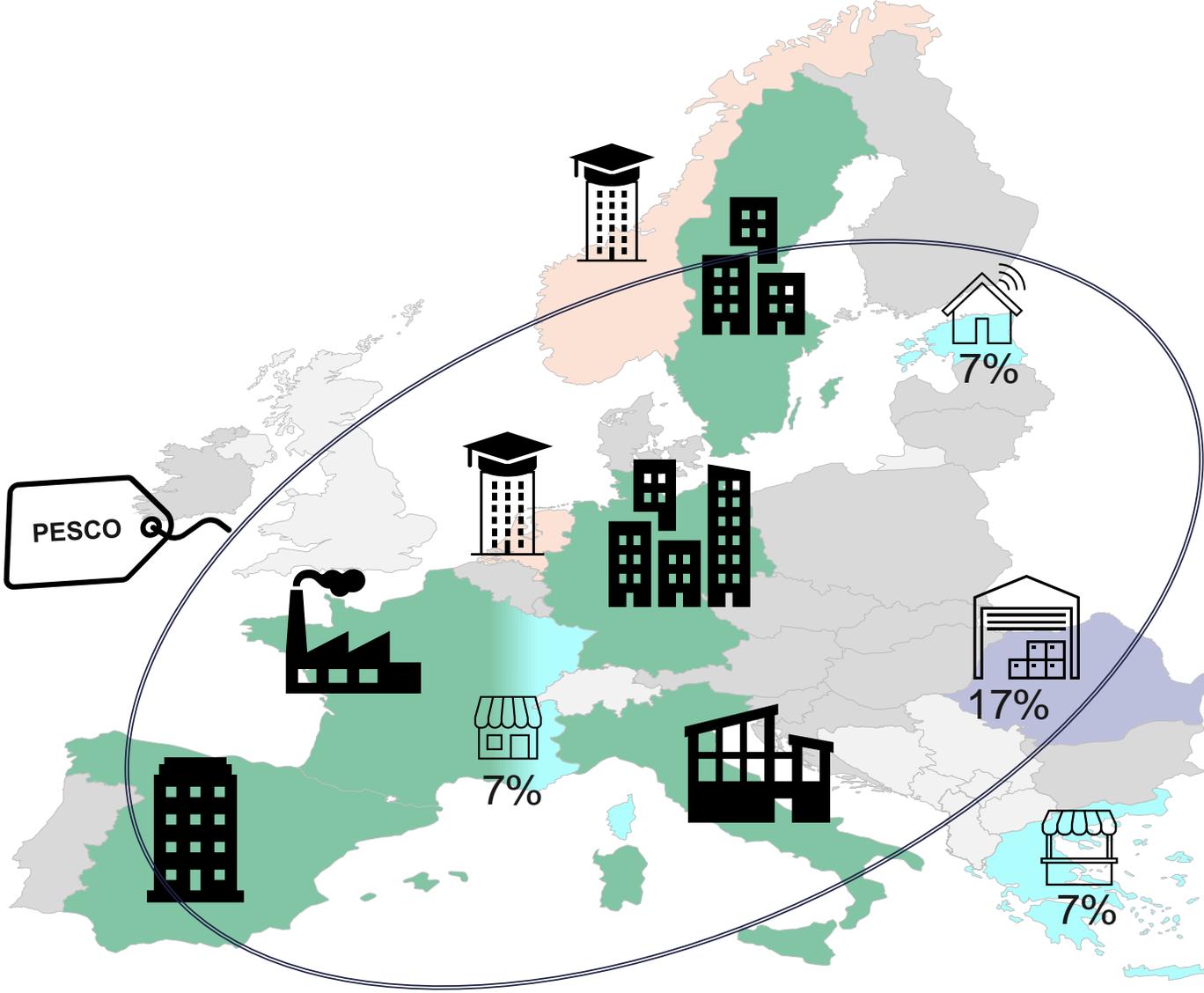


Prototyping...  
Calculating bonus conditions...

	MID-CAP	→	> 15%	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	SME	→	> 10%	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	PESCO	→	YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>



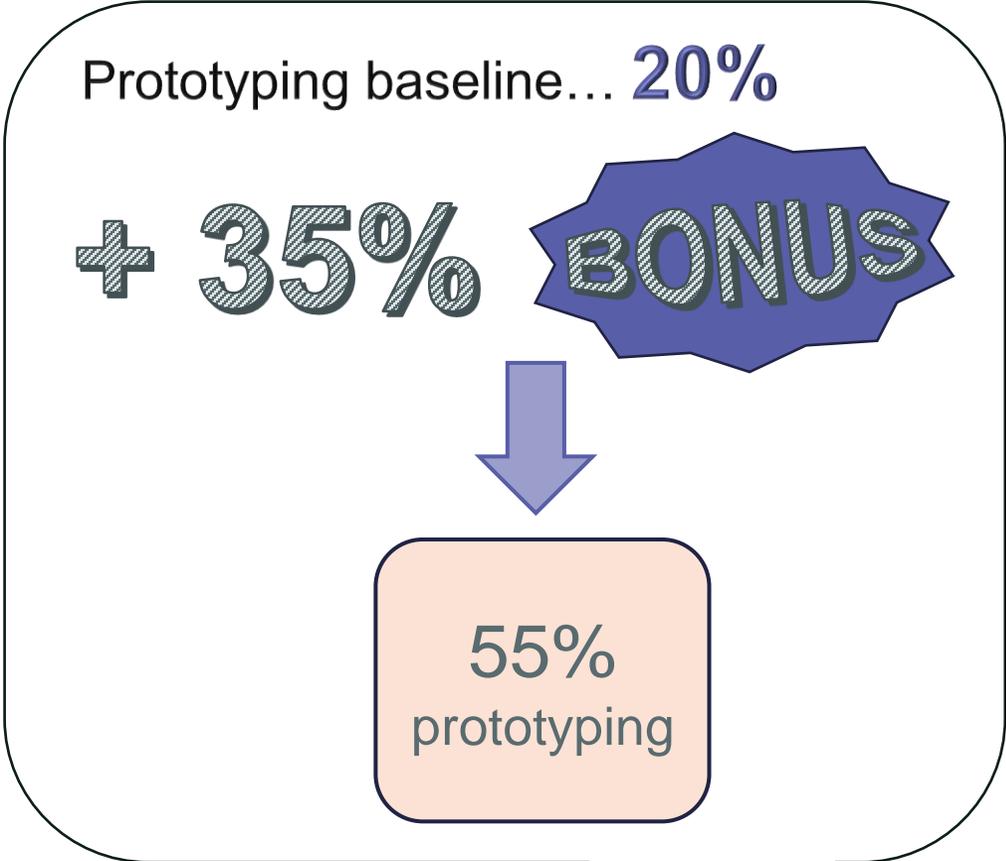
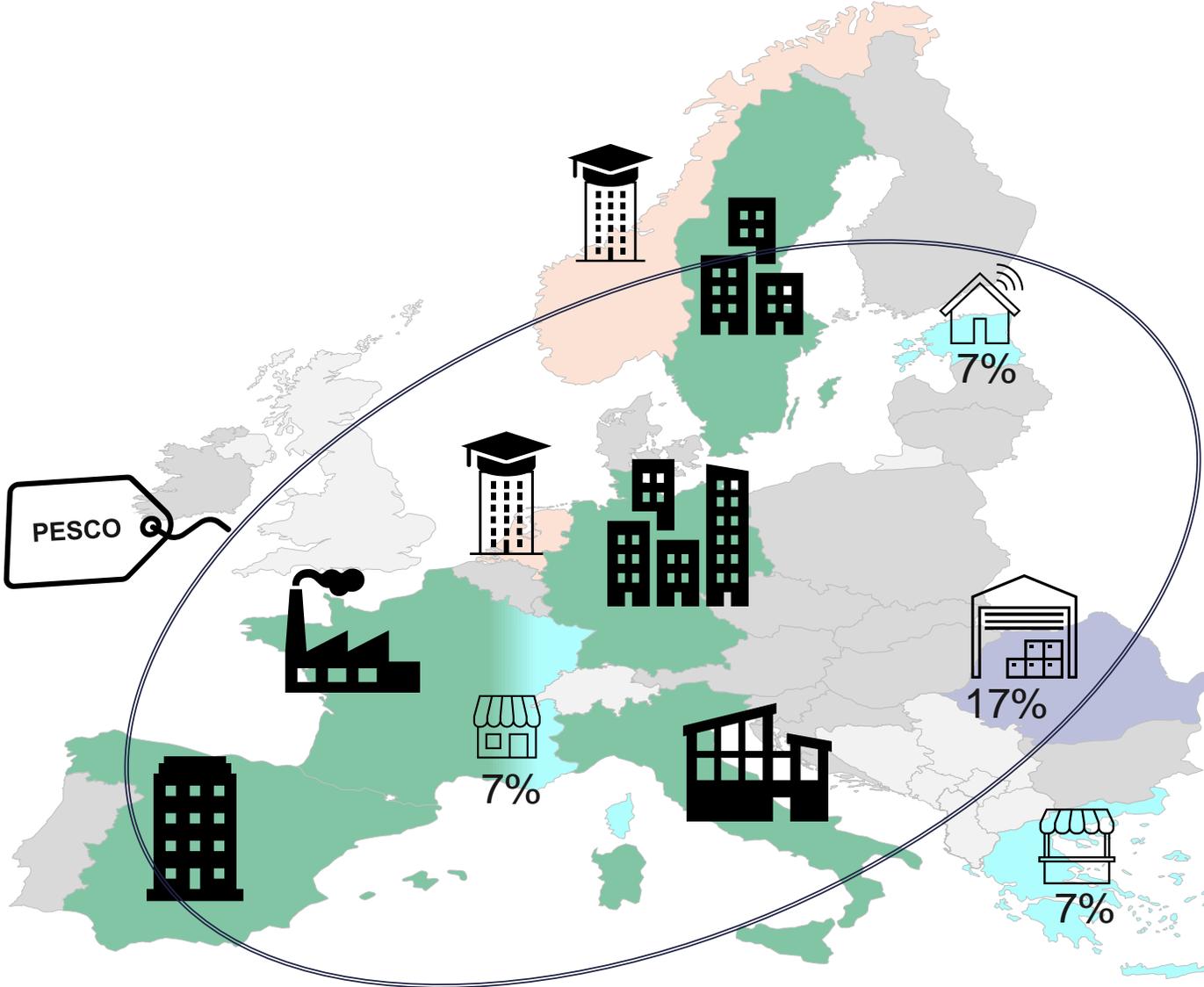
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Prototyping...  
Calculating bonus ...

PESCO	→	<b>+ 10%</b>
MIDCAP	→	<b>+ 10%</b>
SME:		
CROSS BORDER	→	<b>+ 28%</b>
NON-CROSS BORDER	→	<b>+ 5%</b>

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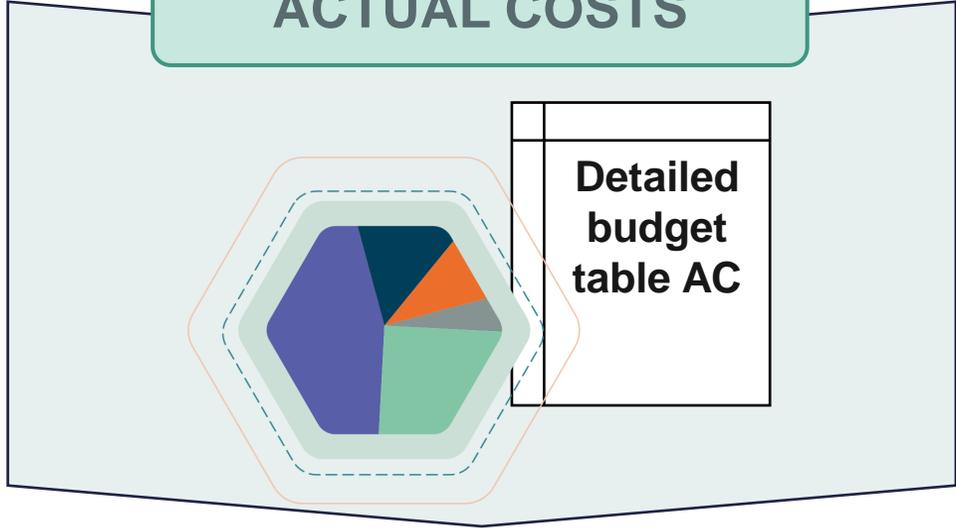


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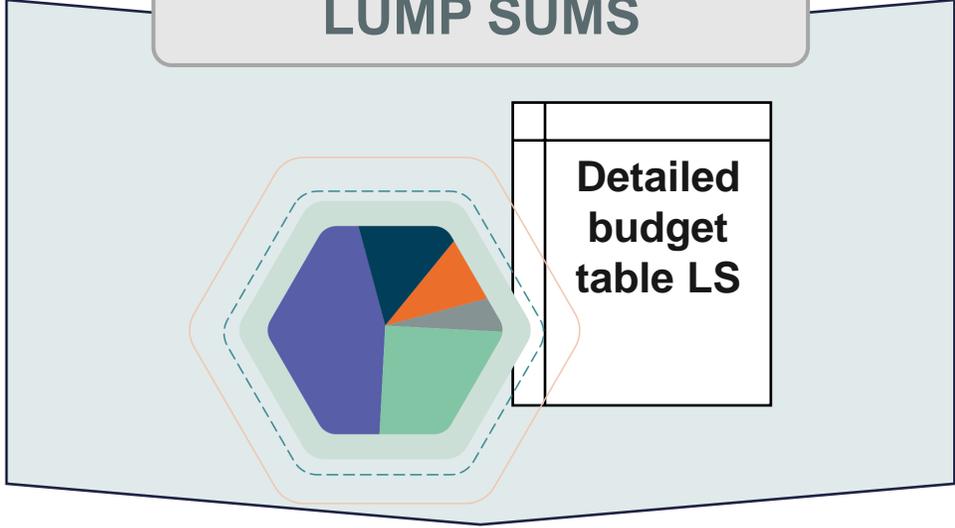


PROPOSAL

## ACTUAL COSTS



## LUMP SUMS

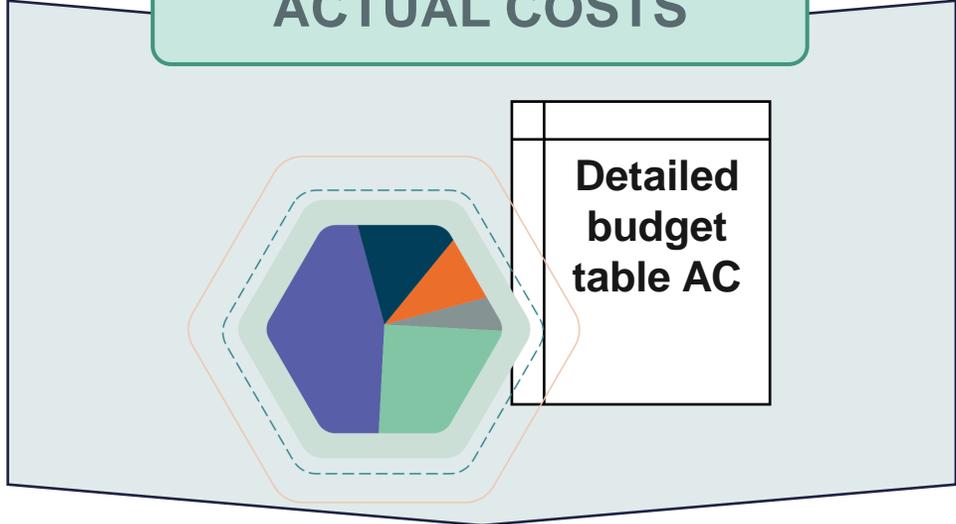


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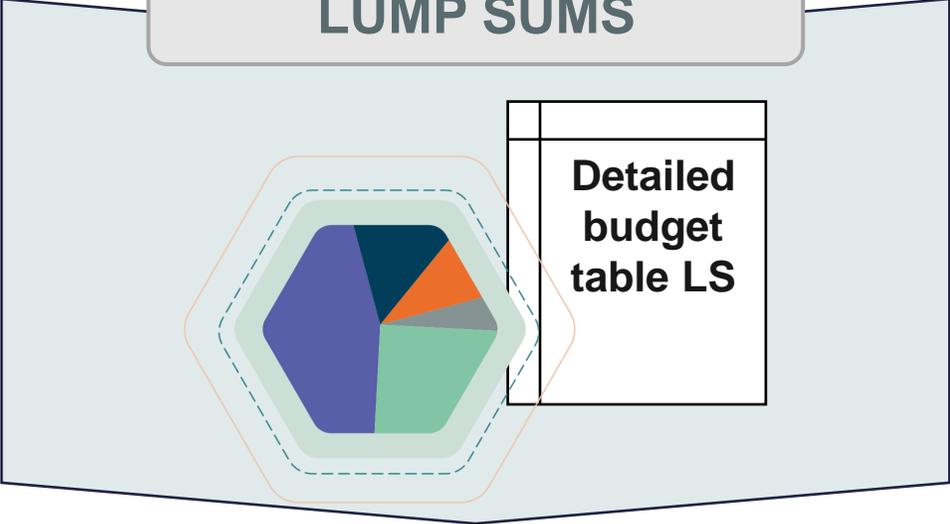
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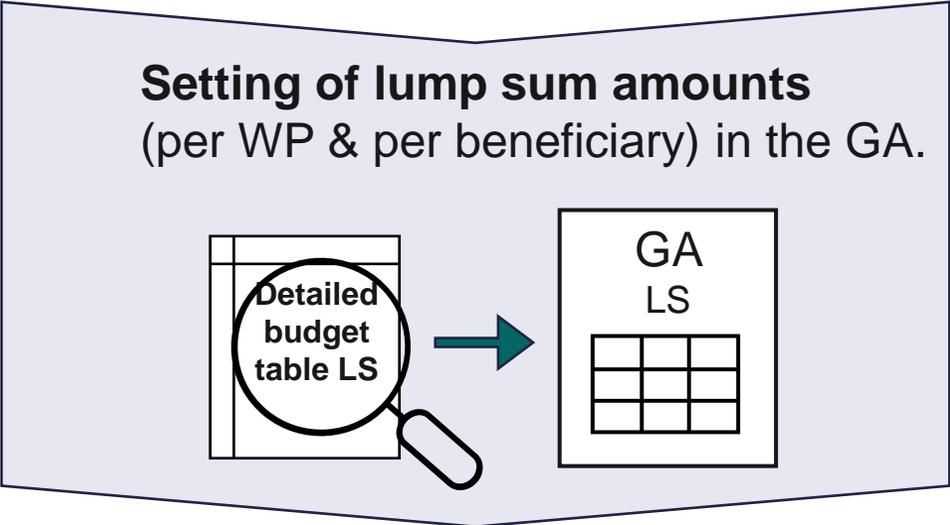
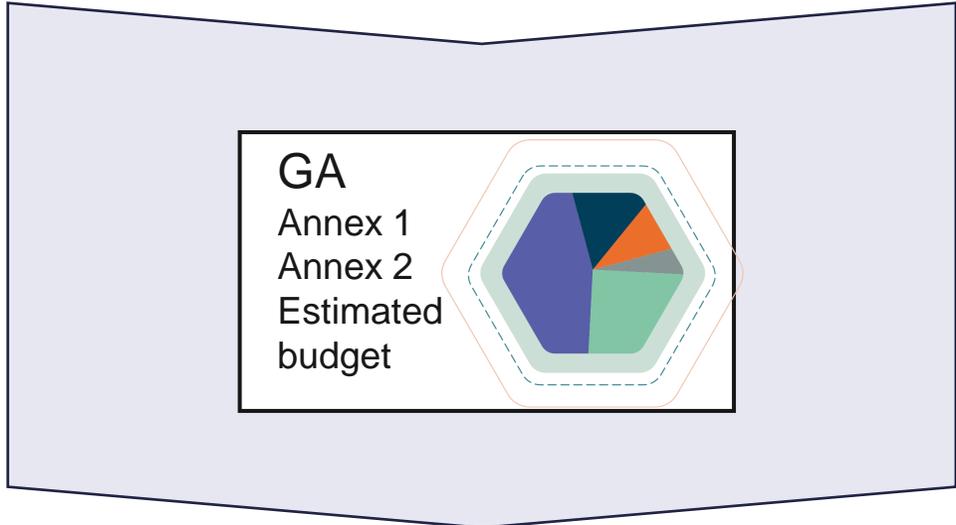
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## LUMP SUMS



GRANT AGREEMENT PREPARATION



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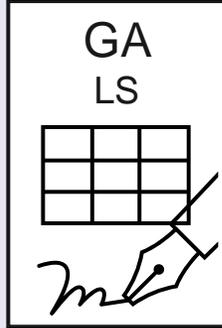


GRANT AGREEMENT

## ACTUAL COSTS



## LUMP SUMS



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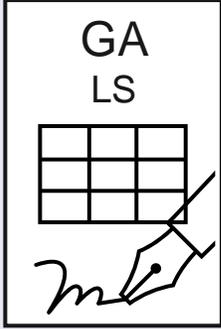
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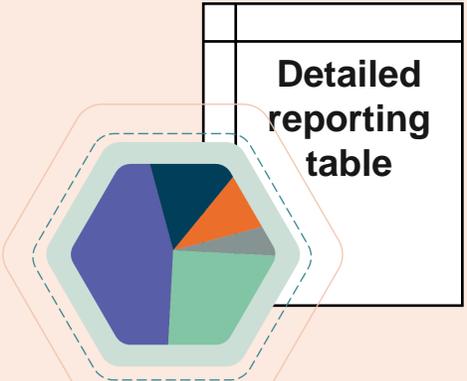


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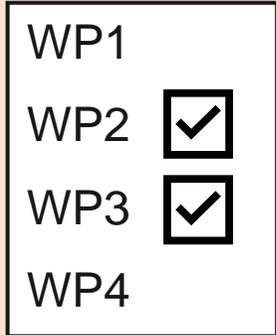


IMPLEMENTATION

Payment upon **incurred costs reported** (upon validation of the work carried out).



Payments upon **completion of work** (no checks on costs/prices).



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# Payment scheme

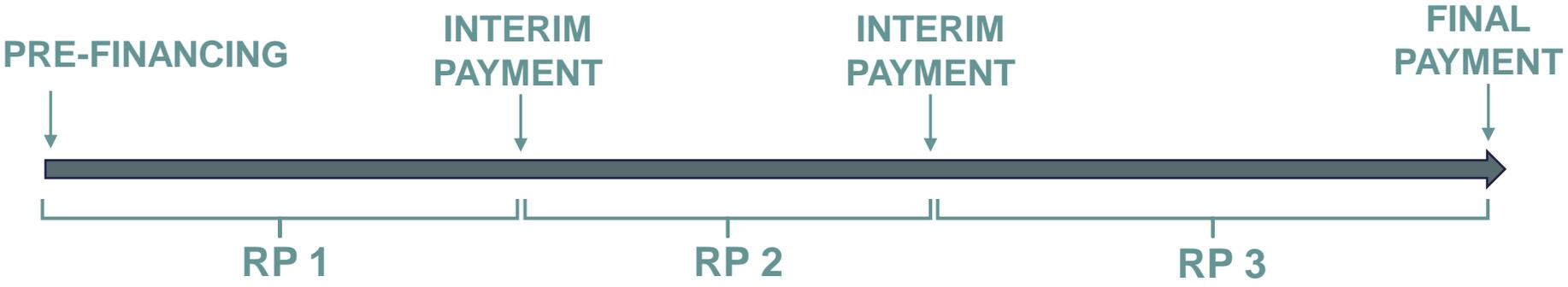
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Financial Management

# Payment Scheme



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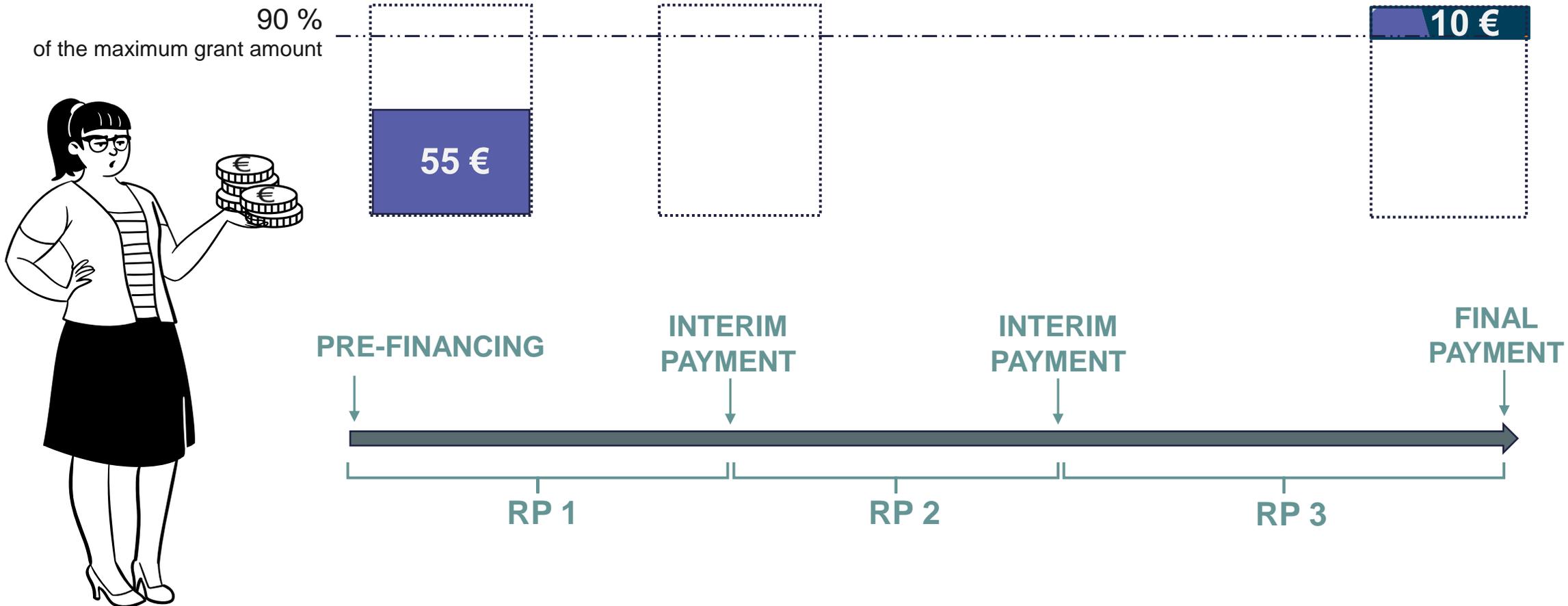


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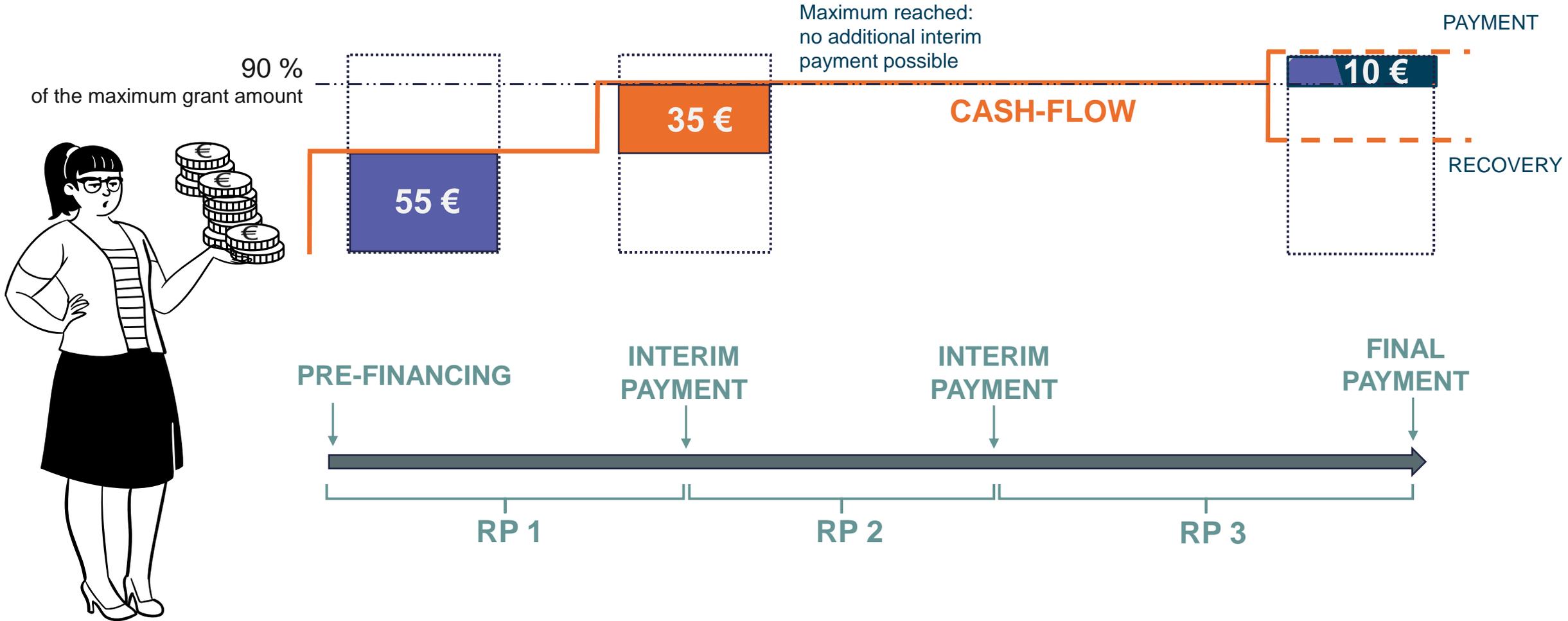
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Level of pre-financing

PF = 55%



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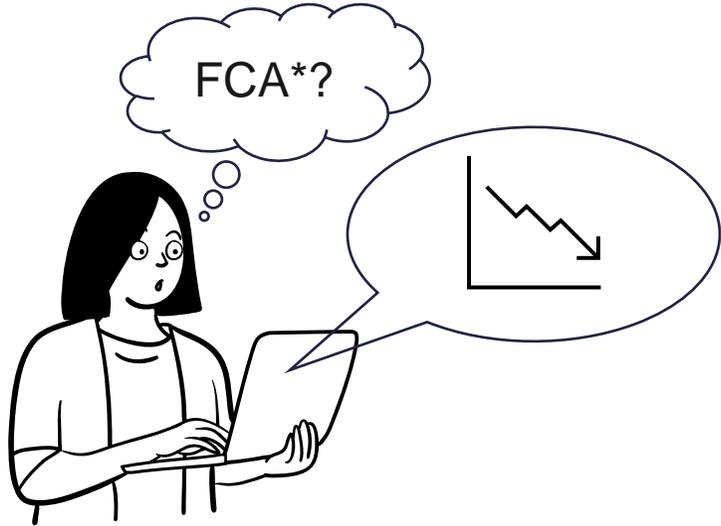
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Consider:

- Adjusting RP duration
- Splitting WP (Lump Sums)

\* Financial capacity assessment

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Other budget protection measures:

Coordinator is  
**INSUFFICIENT** → Change of coordinator

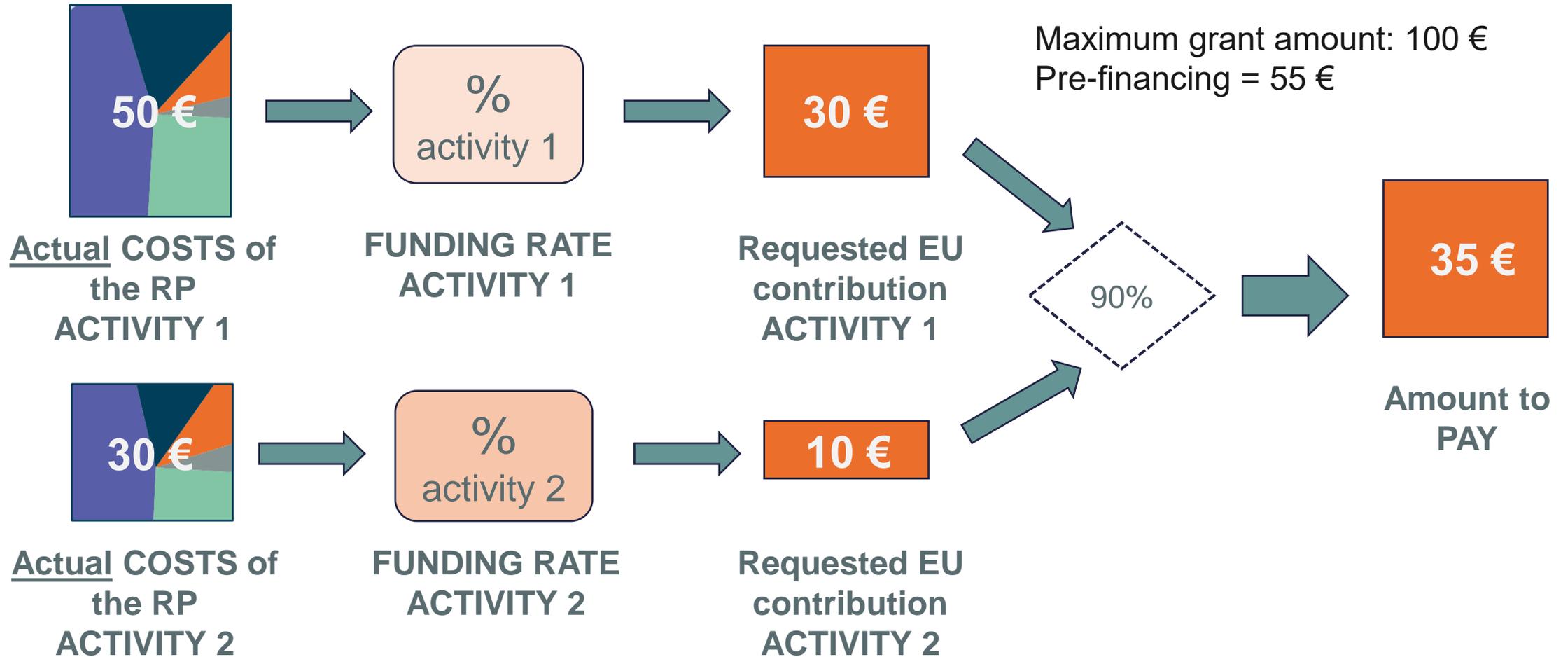
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**OR**  
Pre-financing guarantee

Specific measures for **INSUFFICIENT** beneficiaries

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# Interim payment – Actual Costs

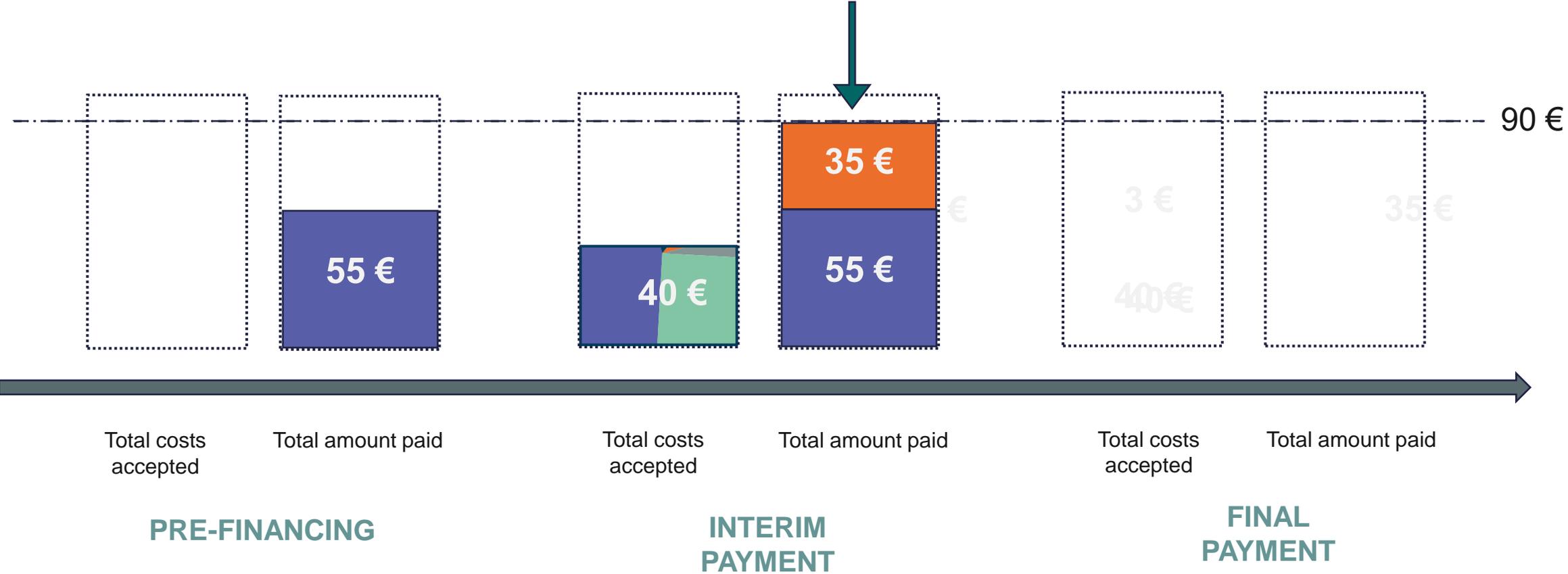
## ACTUAL COSTS - Detailed reporting table



# Final payment - Actual Costs



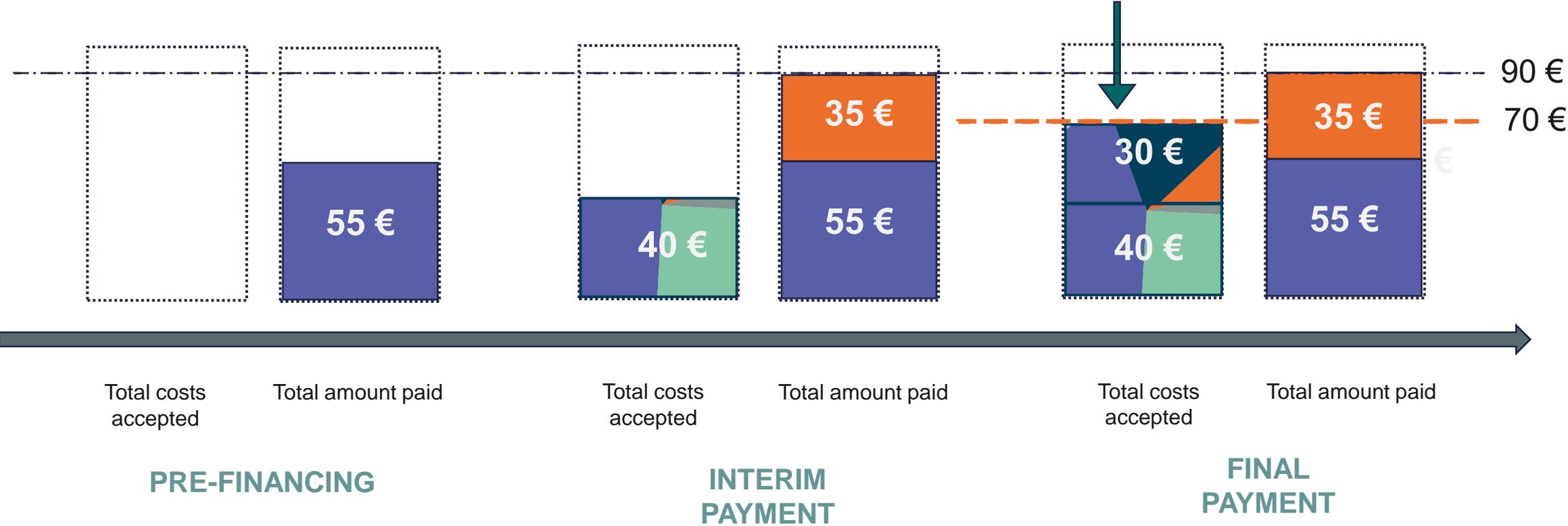
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 Interim payment capped to 35 € (90% max grant amount reached)



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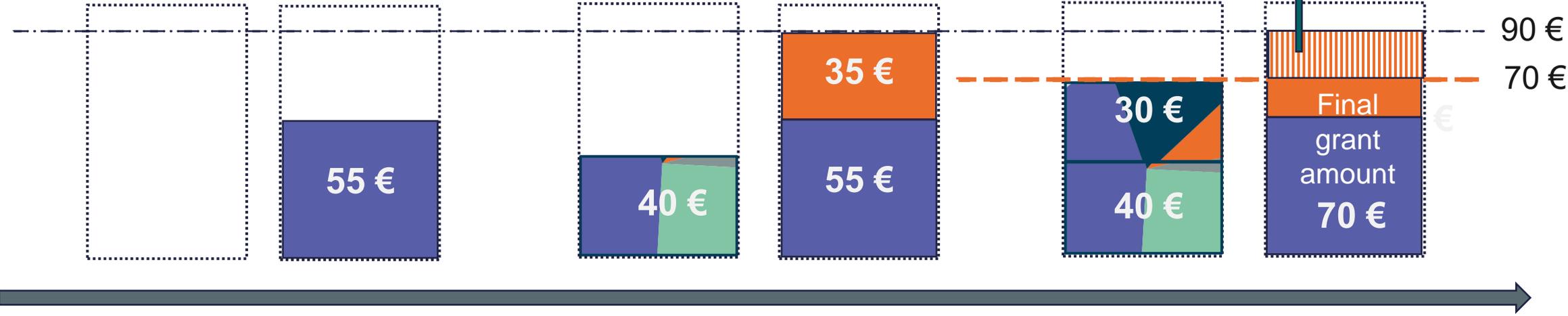


# Final payment - Actual Costs



Amount to be RECOVERED

Balance = - 20 €



Total costs accepted

Total amount paid

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Total amount paid

PRE-FINANCING

INTERIM PAYMENT

FINAL PAYMENT

# Interim payment – Lump Sums

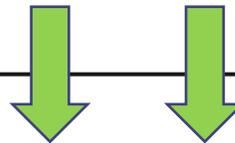
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Status of WORK  
PACKAGES

WP1	
WP2	☑
WP3	☑
WP4	

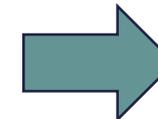
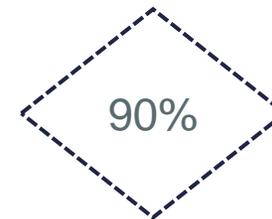


		GA LS			
	WP1	WP2	WP3	WP4	
COO		1 €	2 €		
BE1		1 €	2 €		

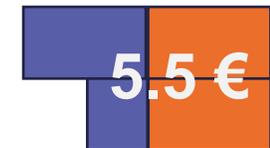
Maximum grant amount: 10 €  
Pre-financing: 3.5 € (reduced)



6 €



Amount to  
be PAID



# Final payment - Lump Sums

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COO	1 €			1 €
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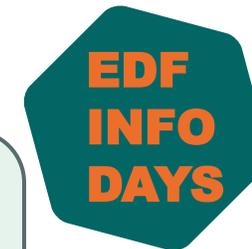
Maximum grant amount: 10 €  
Pre-financing: 3.5 € (reduced)  
Interim payment: 5.5 €

Amount to  
be PAID

4 €

Balance = 1 €

# IN A NUTSHELL...



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»»» In EDF there are two types of grants with different forms of financing:

- **ACTUAL COSTS** grants are financed **based on eligible costs** incurred in the action.
- **LUMP SUMS** grants are paid **based on results** (completion of work packages).

»»» Eligible costs are reimbursed with funding rates depending on the type of action.

- In RESEARCH actions all activities are financed at **100%**.
- In DEVELOPMENT actions there is a **funding rate per activity**, that can be increased with a **BONUS** incentivising the participation of SME and MidCaps and the coherence with PESCO.

»»» All grants receive **one pre-financing and one or more interim payments**.

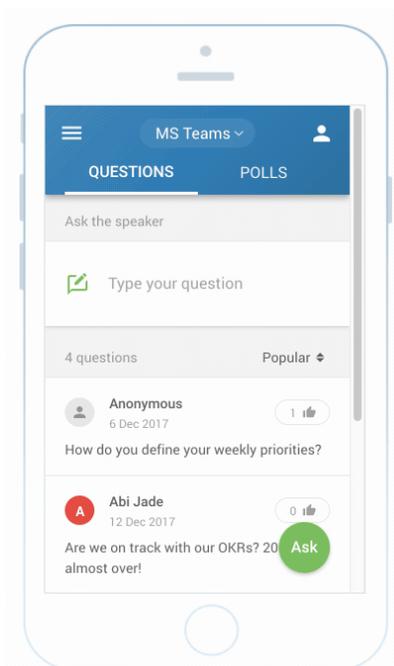
The amount paid in an interim payment corresponds to the accepted costs or the work packages completed during the reporting period, up to an **accumulated paid amount of 90%** of the maximum grant amount. Balance is paid at final payment and may sometimes lead to recovery.

# Q&A Time !

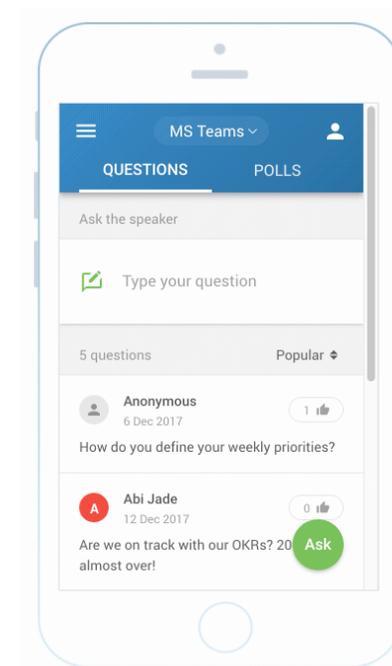


**PASSCODE:**  
**EDF-2025**

- **Scan the QR code**
- **Enter your name & event passcode**
- **Ask a question!**



**ASK A QUESTION**



**UPVOTE A QUESTION**

# EDF supporting actions

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EDF Implementation

Programming and SME support

# Finding partners: Matchmaking



SwapCard

Finding partners for EDF proposals

EUDIS Matchmaking

Connect with investors, corporates and end-users

Matchmaking by NFPs

Finding partners for EDF proposals

Enterprise Europe Network

Find cooperation partners for B2B and projects

Funding & Tender portal

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EDA B2B Platform

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# EDF supporting actions



- **Network of EDF National Focal Points (NFPs)**  
NFPs are nominated by EU Member States and Norway to support the implementation of the European Defence Fund  
*Albert Boje HVIID (Dansk Industri)*
- **Enterprise Europe Network (EEN)**  
The world's largest support network for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) with international ambitions  
*Rosalía VICENTE (Madri+D)*



# EOA

ENHANCING  
OPPORTUNITIES  
FOR ALL

## EDF Info Days

Brussels, 2 April 2025



## About EOA

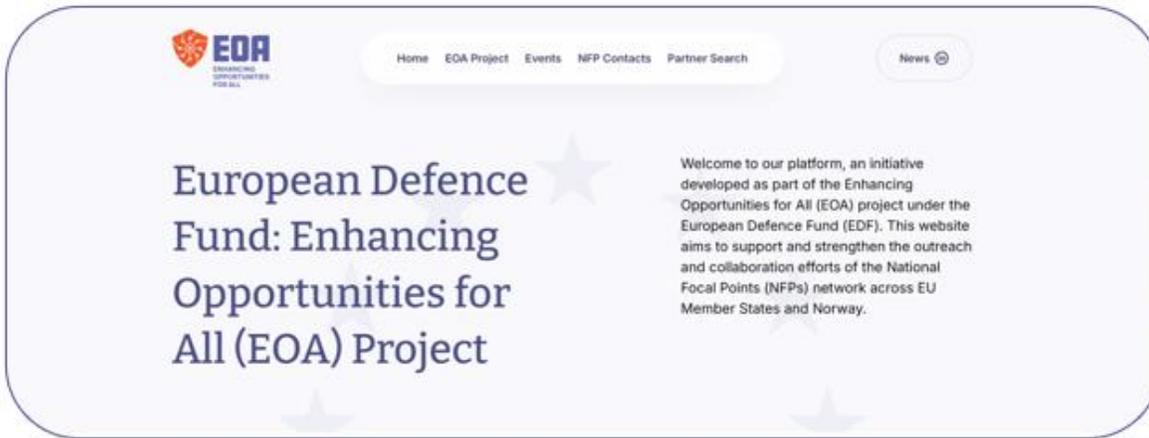
Enhancing Opportunities for All (EOA) is a project with two main objectives:

1. Enhancing networking skills and tools for NFPs (sharing best practice)
2. **Supporting possible applicants for EDF projects to engage in consortia (match-making, information sharing etc.)**



# Activities, deliverables and what is to come

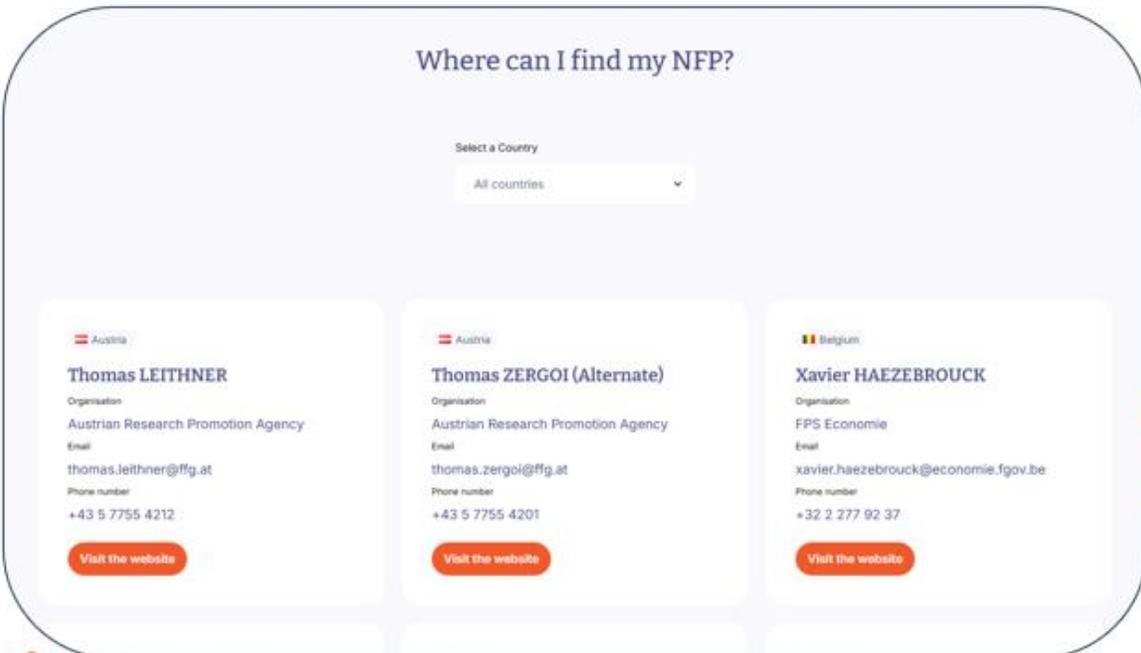
# The EOA website



The screenshot shows the top navigation bar with the EOA logo and menu items: Home, EOA Project, Events, NFP Contacts, Partner Search, and News. The main heading is "European Defence Fund: Enhancing Opportunities for All (EOA) Project". Below it, a welcome message states: "Welcome to our platform, an initiative developed as part of the Enhancing Opportunities for All (EOA) project under the European Defence Fund (EDF). This website aims to support and strengthen the outreach and collaboration efforts of the National Focal Points (NFPs) network across EU Member States and Norway."

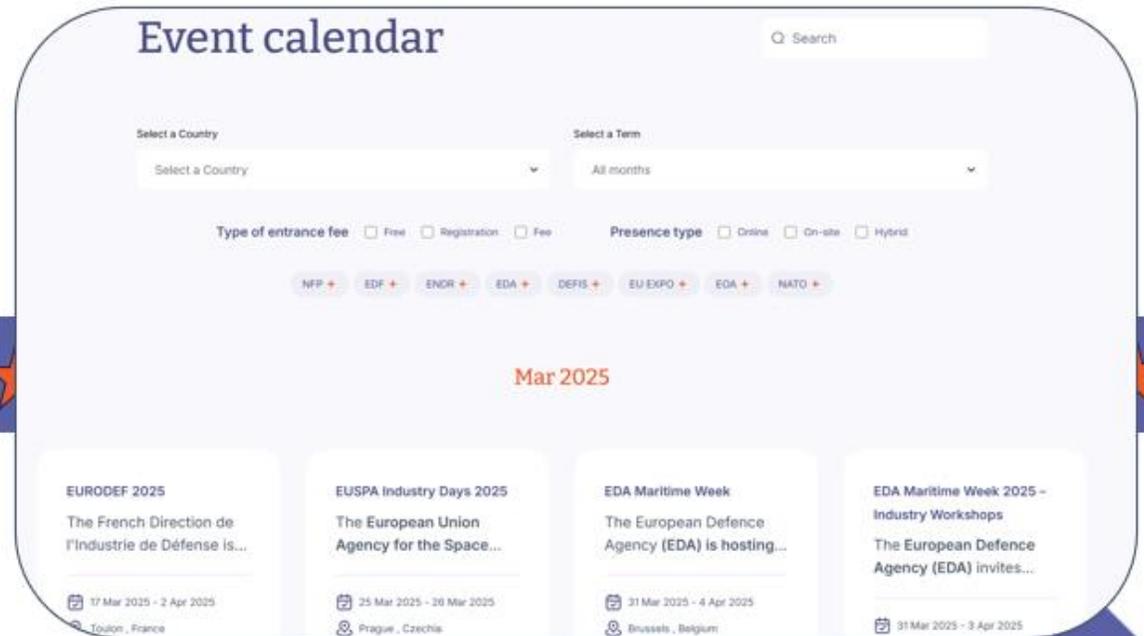


The screenshot shows the "Enhanced Opportunities for All Project" page. It features a short description of the project: "Enhancing Opportunities for All is a CSA project with two main objectives: enhancing networking skills and tools for NFPs and supporting possible applicants for EDF projects to engage in consortia. To achieve these goals, the proposal will develop tools, plan matchmaking, networking and knowledge sharing events and substantially enhance communications efforts." Below the text is a small image of the European flag and a soldier in a helmet.



The screenshot shows the "Where can I find my NFP?" search page. It includes a "Select a Country" dropdown menu set to "All countries". Below the menu, three NFP profiles are displayed:

- Thomas LEITHNER** (Austria): Organisation: Austrian Research Promotion Agency; Email: thomas.leithner@ffg.at; Phone number: +43 5 7755 4212.
- Thomas ZERGOI (Alternate)** (Austria): Organisation: Austrian Research Promotion Agency; Email: thomas.zergoi@ffg.at; Phone number: +43 5 7755 4201.
- Xavier HAEZEBROUCK** (Belgium): Organisation: FPS Economie; Email: xavier.haezebrouck@economie.fgov.be; Phone number: +32 2 277 92 37.



The screenshot shows the "Event calendar" page. It features a search bar, a "Select a Country" dropdown, and a "Select a Term" dropdown set to "All months". Below these are filters for "Type of entrance fee" (Free, Registration, Fee) and "Presence type" (Online, On-site, Hybrid). A row of event tags includes NFP, EDF, ENOR, EDA, DEFIS, EU EXPO, EOA, and NATO. The calendar view shows "Mar 2025" with four event cards:

- EURODEF 2025**: The French Direction de l'Industrie de Défense is... (17 Mar 2025 - 2 Apr 2025, Toulon, France)
- EUSPA Industry Days 2025**: The European Union Agency for the Space... (25 Mar 2025 - 26 Mar 2025, Prague, Czechia)
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### Where can I find my NFP?

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All countries

### Event calendar

Select a Country

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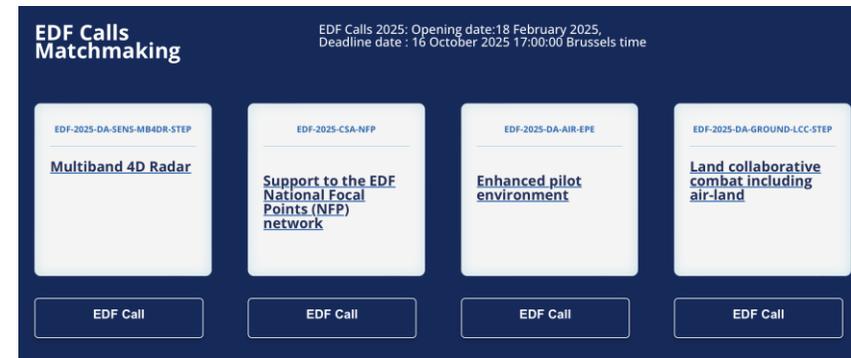
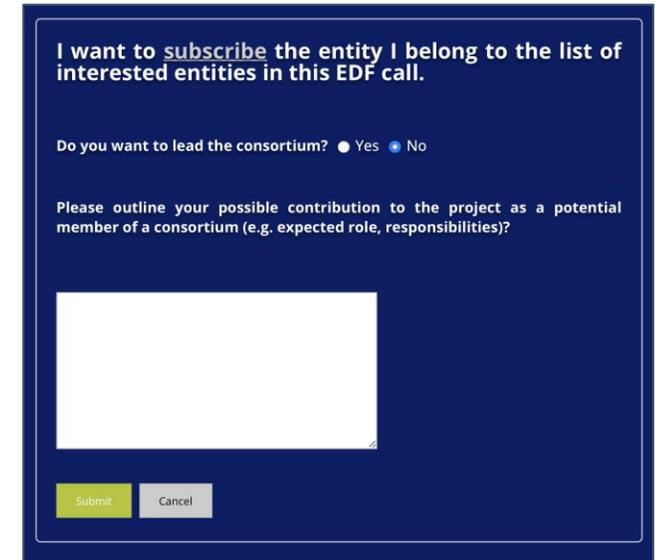
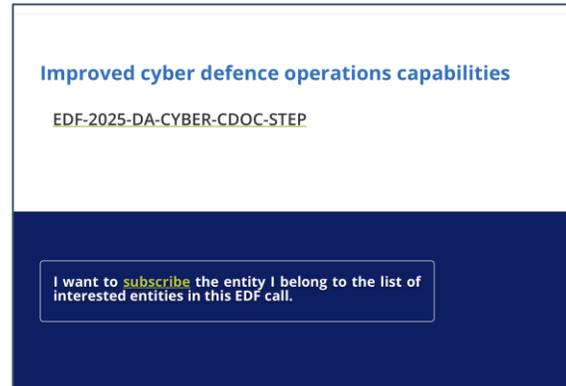
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# EOA partner search tool

- Easy to sign up and use
- Register on the EDA B2B platform
- Brows open calls
- View entities interested in each call
- By clicking onto the listed entity, you can see details and contact info



*Discover the EOA website and the partner search tool **HERE***



## Onsite matchmaking sessions

Onsite events at selected international and European Defence fairs for EDF participants to get in contact with new R&D and business partners, to receive updates from the NFPs and to share insights about the latest technological developments



1<sup>st</sup> onsite event took place in Rotterdam with 310 companies registered



2<sup>nd</sup> onsite event took place in Luxembourg with 134 participants focusing on space defence tech



3<sup>rd</sup> onsite event to take place in the auspices of Paris Air Show. Stay tuned

## Webinars and online matchmaking sessions

Virtual matchmaking events hosted by EOA to allow interested parties to search for partners with specific knowledge or solutions, to join consortia or start making new ideas emerge out of B2B meetings



Register [HERE](#):

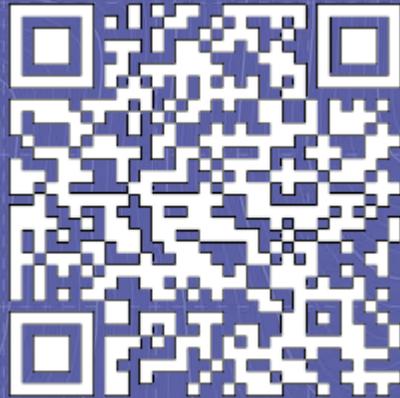




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**We are the world's largest support  
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**77** registered experts

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## Our mission

To foster business **cooperation, innovation and technology transfer** by providing personalised support to SMEs and other key actors working in the aerospace and defence industries.

# The Enterprise Europe Network priorities

Internationalisation



Business  
partnering



Technological  
cooperation



Access to  
EU funds



Sustainability



Digitalization



Innovation



# Advisory on EU programmes\*

- **Information** about EU opportunities (timing, conditions, etc.).
- **Ad hoc analysis of requirements** (type of institution, financial viability, consortium composition, etc.).
- **Advisory on Project ideas:**
  - ✓ Project fit.
  - ✓ Cost of opportunity.
  - ✓ Technology/financial feasibility.
- Support in **ideation, application and implementation phases:**
  - ✓ Drafting of the proposal.
  - ✓ Documents and forms to submit.
  - ✓ Preparation of Grant Agreement & Consortium Agreement.
  - ✓ Guidance on technical/financial reporting.



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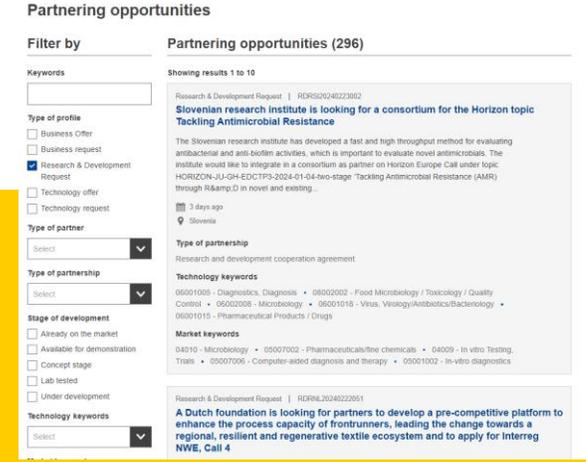


# Partnering services

## i. EEN MARKETPLACE

Publication of profiles:

- Research & Development Request
- Business Offer/Request
- Technology Offer/Request



## ii. BROKERAGE EVENTS

Matchmaking events in the framework of big international fairs.



## iii. OTHER ACTIONS

Ad hoc matching services for EU Calls for proposals (EDF).



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# CONCLUDING REMARKS AND WRAP-UP

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# Wrap-up



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- Recording of this information day and slides available soon on [EDF webpage](#)
- Tutorials available from the [EDF webpage](#)
- Relevant Slido questions will feed the [FAQs](#)
- Any remaining questions after the event can be sent to [DEFIS-EDF-PROPOSALS@ec.europa.eu](mailto:DEFIS-EDF-PROPOSALS@ec.europa.eu)

# Programme Day 2

**P** Pitching Sessions



Timeslot (Brussels time)	Copper Hall	Silver Hall	The Arc	Hall 400	Grand hall	
08.30-09.00 (30')	On-site registration					
09.00-10.00 (60')	Simulation & Training <b>P</b>	Air-Ground Combat Collaboration <b>P</b>	Underwater Warfare <b>P</b>	EU Defence Investor Day Panel discussion Unlocking finance to support EU defence priorities	1:1 on-site matchmaking	
10.00-10.30 (30')	Coffee break					
10.30-11.30 (60')	Drones & Mass Munition <b>P</b>	Materials, Components & Sensors <b>P</b>	Space On-Orbit Operations <b>P</b>	EU Defence Investor Day Panel discussion Investing in defence technology: opportunities & challenges		
11.30-12.00 (30')	Coffee break					
12.00-13.00 (60')	Ground Systems <b>P</b>	Space ISR <b>P</b>	Naval Combat <b>P</b>	EU Defence Investor Day Panel discussion Partnering for a Stronger EU Defence		
13.00-14.00 (60')	Lunch break					
14.00-15.00 (60')	<b>EUDIS</b> • Business coaching, SME Testimonials and Q&A • Business Acceleration & Matchmaking and Q&A	Cyber, communication & information systems <b>P</b>	Technological challenge on human-AI dialogue systems <b>P</b>	EU Defence Investor Day Start-ups & SMEs <b>P</b>		
15.00-15.20 (20')	Coffee break					
15.20-16.20 (60')	EU Defence Investor Day: Panel Discussion Innovating for the battlefield: Lessons from Ukraine	Air Systems & energy <b>P</b>	Defence medical support, CBRN, biotech & human factors <b>P</b>			
16.20-16.50 (30')	Exit venue					

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