



Recent major developments for EDA, including the launch of the Preparatory Action on Defence Research

The Evolving Strategic Context

- Changing European defence landscape
 - June 2016 - Global Strategy for the European Union's Foreign and Security Policy
 - July 2016 – EU - NATO Joint Declaration
 - November 2016 - European Defence Action Plan and Implementation Plan on Security and Defence
 - June 2017 - Communication on “Launching the European Defence Fund”; Regulation establishing the Defence Industry Development Programme; Reflection Paper on the Future of European Defence
- Now focus on implementation
- EDA is in the centre of fostering European defence cooperation (prioritization: new CDP & OSRA, CARD, Project promotion including through EDF implementation, industry engagement, etc.)

Long Term Review of EDA

- TEU: frames the potential and the remit of action of the Agency in the field of defence capability development, research, acquisition and armaments (including in the frame of PESCO, if launched)
- Global Strategy: making full use of the potential of EDA
- LTR recommendations endorsed by Ministers during 18 May 2017
Steering Board reinforces the Agency:
 - as the major intergovernmental prioritisation instrument at EU level in support of capability development;
 - as the preferred cooperation forum to engage in technology and capability development activities;
 - as facilitator towards the European Commission and a central operator with regard to EU funded defence-related activities.
- On 18 May, Ministers also supported EDA's revised approach towards a more structured dialogue and enhanced engagement with industry

Launch of the Preparatory Action on Defence Research (PADR)

- Signature Delegation Agreement between Commission and EDA:
31 May 2017
- Calls for Proposals published:
7 June 2017
- Call opened:
8 June 2017

Calls for proposals

- Technological demonstrator for enhanced situational awareness in a naval environment (platform & sensors + data exploitation):
 - **€ 32-36 m**
 - € 15.50 m - core part, 2017 budget
 - up to 4 additional research modules, € 5 m each from 2018 budget
 - Minimum 5 legal entities from 5 different MS + NO
 - Deadline **5 October 2017**
- Force protection and advanced soldier systems beyond current programmes:
 - **€ 6.78 m**
 - Minimum 3 legal entities from 3 different MS + NO
 - Deadline **21 September 2017**
- The European Defence Research Runway:
 - **€ 0.95 m**
 - Minimum one legal entity
 - Deadline **21 September 2017**

Information day: 27 June 2017

Information on PADR for potential applicants:

- General information about the Calls and the Call text
- Information on the participation conditions
- Q and A
- Demo of the participant portal
- brokerage event: find partners

SIGN UP on <https://www.b2match.eu/padr2017> and book bilateral meetings for the brokerage session

Evaluation

- Evaluation scheduled in October 2017
- Evaluation by independent technical experts (need for security clearance and MS validation)
- Evaluation Committee chaired by EDA
- **Technical evaluation:** excellence, impact, etc.
- **ELSA** (ethical legal and societal aspects): based on ethics appraisal procedure in H2020 adapted to specificities of defence research
- **Security Scrutiny:** procedure by Commission. Scrutiny by governmental experts+ national security authorities + EDA security staff

Towards the EDRP

- PADR 2018-19 work programme
 - Ongoing discussion in the AIPC with EDA support (upstream role)
 - Critical Defence Technologies (and Disruptive Tech)
- EDRP architecture, main discussions:
 - Link between future FP9 and the EDRP
 - Complementarity with national research
 - Low TRL – high TRL (link with capability window)
 - IPR, financing, grants vs procurement