

**Work programme – scoping paper
EDIDP**

Context

The Commission proposal for a Regulation setting up a European Defence Industrial Development Programme (EDIDP), and in particular Article 13, envisages adoption, by means of an implementing act of a work programme. The work programme will contain provisions necessary for the implementation of the EDIDP including in particular the categories of projects. The work programme will be discussed with the Member States in the comitology framework. The work programme will pave the way for the preparation of calls for proposals.

The work programme will be central to the implementation of the EDIDP. The Programme should be implemented in 2019. Consequently, with this paper, the Commission would like to start a preliminary informal discussion with the Member States about the content of the Work programme.

Conclusions of the discussions initiated by this paper will be subject to revision in line with the developments during negotiations in the context of the Trilogue, among the Council, the European Parliament and the Commission.

1. Work programme

Similarly to the Preparatory Action, the work programme will be an Annex to the Commission Financial Decision assigning budget defined in the Regulation. The work programme could contain a general part with basic information about the categories of projects, means of financing, implementation methods, key project parameters, etc., and a more detailed part where projects would be defined in a more granular manner. The more detailed part will serve as basis for a call for proposals which will be published after the adoption of the work programme.

The work programme for EDIDP should be a multiannual one. It implies that that in addition to the definition of the projects for 2019, the document should specify (at least in general terms) categories of projects for 2020.

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