

EUROPEAN DEFENCE FUND 2021

Information day for Slovenian stakeholders

1 September 2021 | 10:00 – 12:30

Online via WebEx

*Following the Preparatory Action on Defence Research (PADR) and the European Defence Industrial Development Programme (EDIDP), the European Defence Fund (EDF) has been created to foster the competitiveness, efficiency and innovation capacity of the defence technological and industrial base throughout the EU. It should **complement, leverage and consolidate collaborative efforts and cross-border cooperation** between legal entities in developing defence capabilities that respond to security challenges. The EDF should also foster better exploitation of the industrial potential of innovation, research and technological development at each stage of the industrial life cycle of defence products and technologies.*

*The purpose of the event is to **present the work programme of the European Defence Fund 2021** and the **calls for proposal for 2021 in the 15 thematic categories of actions**, among which research topics are identified, where appropriate:*

- *Defence medical support, Chemical Biological Radiological Nuclear (CBRN), biotech and human factors;*
- *Information superiority;*
- *Advanced passive and active sensors;*
- *Cyber;*
- *Space;*
- *Digital transformation;*
- *Materials and components;*
- *Energy resilience and environmental transition;*
- *Air combat;*
- *Air and missile defence;*
- *Ground combat;*
- *Force protection and mobility;*
- *Naval combat;*
- *Underwater warfare;*
- *Simulation and training.*

*Additionally to the presentation of the calls for proposal, the event will also **present the experiences of successful project coordinators in the previous EDIDP and PADR calls** and discuss **the building the EU level partnerships in the defence sector.***

Draft Programme

10:00 Welcome by the Moderators & Organisers

- *Dr. Draško Veselinovič, President of the Management Board, Slovenian Business & Research Association, Brussels*
- *Director, Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Slovenia (TBC)*
- *Dr. Larisa Pograjc, Head of Department for Military technology, research and development, Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Slovenia*
- *Ante Milevoj, Director Slovenian Defence Industry Cluster, g.i.z. (GOIS)*

10:20 European Defence Fund – Presentation of 2021 calls for proposal

- *Erno Vandeweert, Deputy Head of Unit Capability Development, Directorate-General for Defence Industry and Space*

11:20 Building partnerships for defence sector

- *Denis Rožaj, Guardiaris (TBC)*
- *Dr. Gregor Dolanc, Jozef Stefan Institute (TBC)*
- *Dr. Tomaž Rotovnik, SkyLab (TBC)*
- *Tomi Ilijaš, Arctur*
- *Marko Erman, Scientific Director, Thales*

12:00 Conclusions & closing remarks