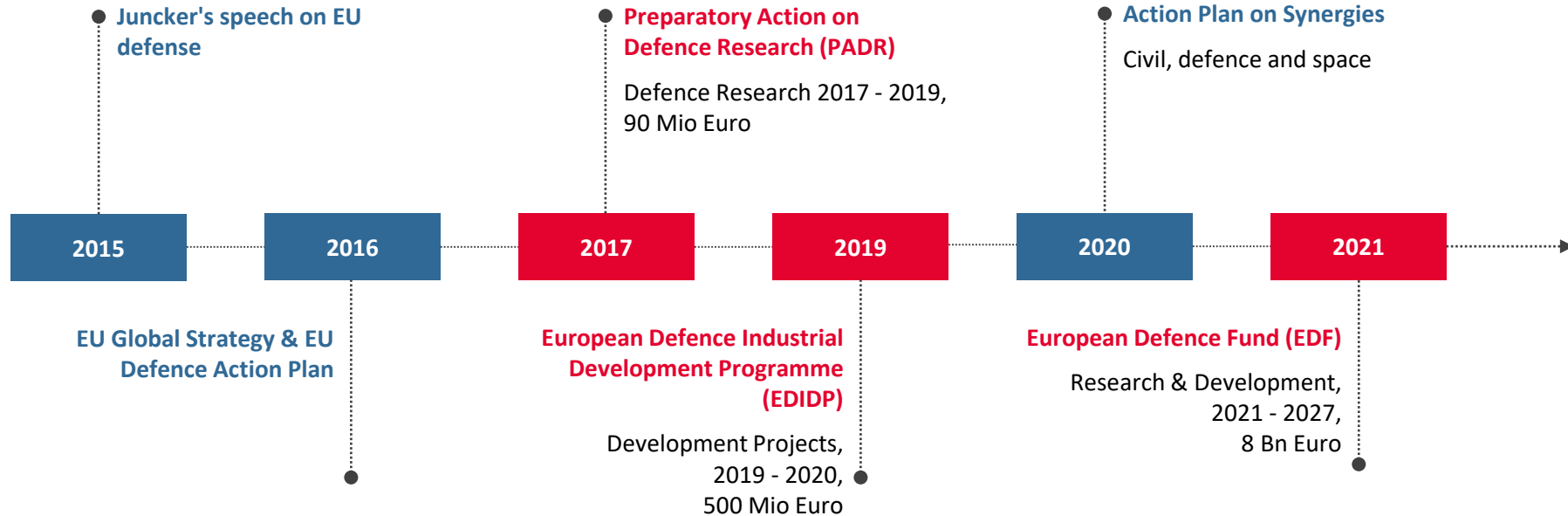


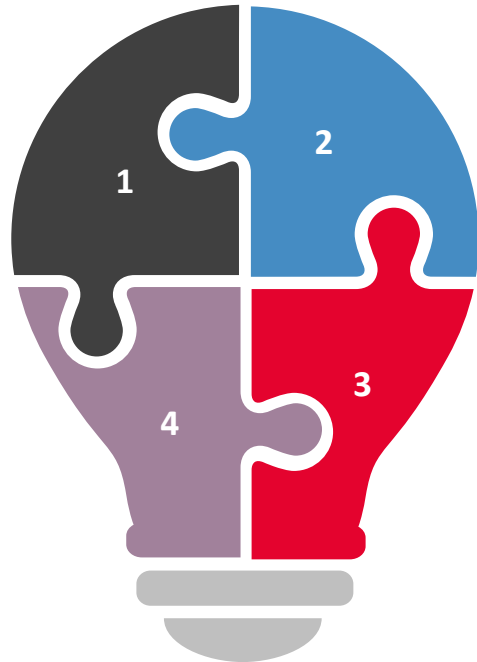
EDF BASICS AND AUSTRIAN PARTICIPATION

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EDF - THE HISTORY



GOALS OF THE EDF



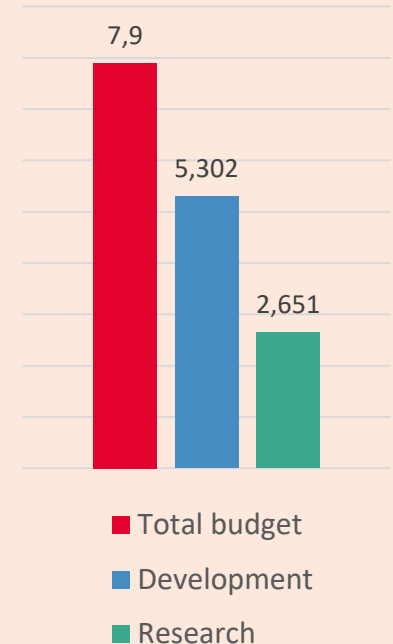
1. Promoting the competitiveness, efficiency, innovative capability and technical autonomy of the EU defense industry
2. Strengthening European cross-border cooperation
3. Increase the European Union's capacity to act and strengthen its autonomy, particularly in technological and industrial terms
4. Reduce duplications and increase standardization across Europe

EDF – BASICS



- Annual work programmes and annual calls for proposals
- Calls are open and competitive, funding via grants
- Projects must be cooperative (several organisations from several Member States)
- Projects to be submitted via EU Funding & Tender Portal

- **Research (€ 2,651 bn)**
 - Projects are 100% financed through the EDF budget

- **Development (€ 5,302 bn)**
 - Financing rates vary from 20% to 90%, depending on the type of activity carried out
 - Bonus system with max. 35% additional funding
 - Co-financing of remaining funds (usually by Member States)



EDF CATEGORIES OF ACTION

Defence medical support & CBRN 	Information superiority 	Advanced passive & active sensors 	Cyber 	Space 	Digital transformation 
Materials and components 	Energy resilience & environmental transition 	Air combat 	Air and missile defence 	Ground combat 	Force protection and mobility 
Naval combat 	Underwater warfare 	Simulation and training 	Disruptive technologies 	Open calls for SME and RTO 	

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

Small and Medium-sized
Enterprises (SMEs)



Industry



Universities



Research and
Technology
Organisations (RTOs)



"All stakeholders with scientific, technological, or innovative capabilities in the field of EDF"

- Submission only as a consortium with at least 3 entities from 3 member states and one coordinator.
- All EU member states and Norway.
- Ownership, management, infrastructures etc. must be in EU or Norway.
- Where these requirements are not met, member states can issue a guarantee statement that they are under control by one of the member states or Norway.

EDF – TYPES OF ACTIVITY AND REQUIREMENTS

- EDF defines „types of activities“ which roughly correspond to Technology Readiness Levels (TRLs)
- Each call has mandatory and optional activities

Research calls

- Types of activities permitted: generating knowledge, integrating knowledge, studies, design
- No additional submission requirements

Development calls

- Types of activities permitted: integrating knowledge, studies, design, system prototyping, testing, qualification, certification, developments „increasing efficiency across the life cycle of defence products“
- Co-financing (usually by BMLV in Austria)
- Letter of Intent by at least 2 Member States (BMLV)
- Harmonised defence requirements (BMLV)

Additional types of calls in the EDF:

- Framework Partnership Agreements
- Cross-border defence innovation networks
- Spin-in calls
- Technological challenges

SUBMISSION – EDF CALL 2023

Topic and partner search

- Read WP2023
- Use existing networks
- Enterprise Europe Network database
- Contact National Focal Points
- Conferences and trade shows
- Use the Funding & Tender Portal

Get advice

FFG as **National Focal Point** for the EDF :

- Advice on project selection
- Understand submission requirements and documents
- Ongoing information - EIP newsletter, social media
- Help with partner search
- Proposal check

All information at:
www.ffg.at/europa/edf

Alignment BMLV

- Personal und Facility Security Clearance (for classified information)
- Letter of Intent
- Evidence of harmonized requirements / shared standards
- Possibly co-financing

Submission

In the **Funding & Tender Portal** of the EU:

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/s-green/programmes/edf>

From 15th June and until 22th November, 2023

...but, think **NOW** about 2024!

RESULT OF THE 2022 CALL FOR PROPOSALS

**41**

funded projects, of which

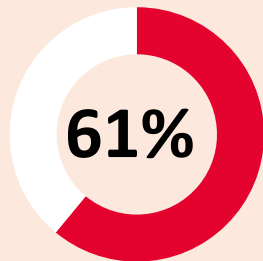
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projects with AT participation

**832,3 Mio €**

EU Research Budget

AT involved in projects with a total funding budget of 403.5 Mio €

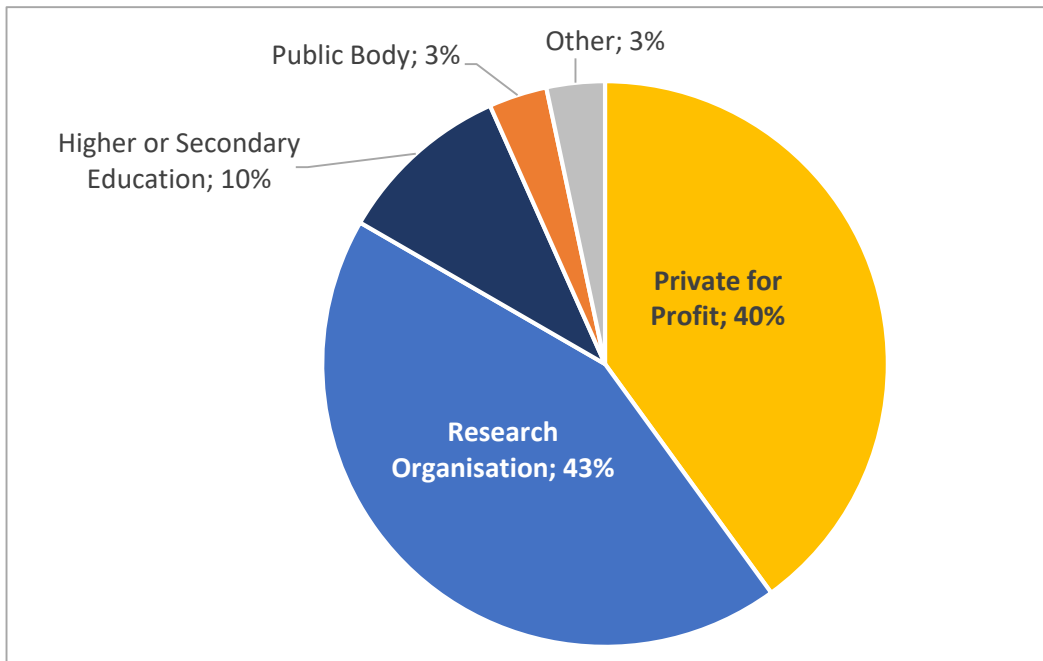
**Success rate AT**EU Average: 52%¹**31**

Submissions from different AT organizations

EU Median: 16,5 Partner per Member State¹

Source: Evaluation based on evaluation results of the European Commission; ¹02_EDF_2022_Foerderentscheid_-_Praesentationsfolien_EK.pdf

AUSTRIAN PARTICIPATION BY ORGANIZATION TYPE



IN A NUTSHELL

- **Well distributed** Austrian project partners across all types of organizations
- **43%** of all Austrian project partners are **research organisations**, which are therefore most successfully represented from an Austrian perspective.
- Also **companies** show a **very good participation** in the selected projects with **40%**. **One third** of them are **SMEs**.

TOPICS WITH AUSTRIAN PARTICIPATION (EXCERPT)



TDRIC: Tactical Drones in Rain and Icing Conditions

Grant requested: € 3.961.964 / Coordinator: Pegasus Research & Development GmbH (AT) / AT Beneficiaries: 2



NEWSROOM: Adapting Cyber Awareness for Evolving Computing Environments

Grant requested: € 9.985.957 / Coordinator: AIT Austrian Institute of Technology GmbH (AT) / AT Beneficiaries: 3



iMEDCAP: Development of intelligent military capabilities for monitoring, medical care and evacuation for contagious, injured and contaminated personnel

Grant requested: € 24.885.861 / Coordinator: Technische Universität München (DE) / AT Beneficiaries: 5



EUCINF: EUropean Cyber and INformation warfare toolbox

Grant requested: € 32.999.997 / Coordinator: Airbus Defence and Space SAS (FR) / AT Beneficiaries: 2



ODIN's EYE 2: multinatiOnal Development INitiative for a Space-based missilE earlyWarning architecture II

Grant requested: € 90.000.000 / Coordinator: OHB System AG (DE) / AT Beneficiaries: 1

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EDF at the Austrian National Holiday 25. & 26.10.2023 Am Hof, Vienna



EDF at the IKT Sicherheitskonferenz 03. & 04. October 2023, Design Center Linz

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

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