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NATO DIANA

Defence Innovation Accelerator for the North Atlantic

NATO's accelerator for dual-use deep tech, with a non-dilutive grant.

Selected companies receive a **€100,000** grant for a six-month acceleration programme, with no equity taken. Support includes mentoring, test facilities and access to NATO end users.

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WHAT IT IS

1. €100,000 non-dilutive grant, paid before the six-month programme starts
2. Follow-on funding of up to €300,000 for companies selected for the Mission Track
3. Three mentors — business, defence and technology — and a structured curriculum
4. Access to 200+ test and experimentation centres across the Alliance
5. Introductions to NATO end users and the option of pilots
6. Links to the NATO Innovation Fund and the DIANA Capital Network

WHO IT IS FOR

Start-ups and SMEs registered in a NATO member country with dual-use technology. Universities and non-profits cannot apply on their own; the grant is paid to a company.

AT WHAT STAGE

TRL 4 and above, with a prototype validated in a laboratory or relevant environment. Below TRL 4 it is too early; mature solutions may suit a Dynamic Challenge.

GRANT PER COMPANY

€100,000

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HOW AND WHEN TO APPLY

1. Choose a specific challenge statement on diana.nato.int — you always apply to one challenge
2. Complete the business identification, including attestation of ownership and control
3. Submit the Short Form Proposal, then the Long Form Proposal if you pass the first screening
4. Present at the Virtual Panel Session; those selected sign a framework agreement

TIMING

The annual Challenge Call is usually published in June with a deadline in early July, and acceleration starts the following January. Dynamic Challenges are opened at any time for urgent operational needs.

NOTE / TIP

Ownership or control from third countries is screened and can disqualify you, so resolve it early. A generic application not tied to a specific challenge statement is a frequent reason for rejection.

FREE CONSULTATION · INDEPENDENT

Is NATO DIANA right for you?

Defence Hub CzechInvest will help you pick the right programme and work through the whole application — free and independent.

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