Guide: EDIP Key electronic components (KEC)

Step by step to an application by 16 February 2027, 17:00 Brussels time

EDIP (European Defence Industry Programme) is the EU instrument to strengthen the defence industry. Topic **EDF-EDIP-P-2027-LS-IRA-KEC** belongs to the 2nd call for **Industrial Reinforcement Actions** (IRA) and targets the electronic components without which Europe cannot build drones, missiles or radars.

DEADLINE 16 FEB 2027 | MAX. €20M PER PROJECT | MIN. PROJECT €2M | GRANT 35 TO 50 %

1. What the call funds

The call does not pay for research or development. It pays for **production capacity**: new or expanded lines, reserved capacity, shorter lead times and trained staff. The capacity must be for these components:

- **Guidance electronics:** flight controller stacks, IMUs, Galileo PRS receivers, sensor-fusion electronics.
- **Propulsion electronics:** ESCs, motor control units, power distribution boards, BMS electronics.
- **RF and laser modules:** RF front-ends, T/R modules, datalinks, precision timing, laser transmit and receive modules.
- **Multispectral cameras:** thermal and EO modules, video transmission.
- **Avionics:** including EW and edge compute for autonomy-enabled variants.
- **PCBs and IC substrates,** Li-ion polymer batteries, power electronics and semiconductors (FPGAs, SoCs, ASICs, GaN, GaAs, SiGe).

The capacity must serve defence products: (swarming) UxS and loitering munitions including FPV and interceptors, counter-UxS, missiles and PGMs, communication nodes and C2, C4ISR including EW, radars, EO sensors and sonar.

You may add an optional work package on **physical and cyber protection** of production (for example counter-drone site protection, NIS2, ISO/IEC 27001), with an EU contribution of up to €500,000.

2. Who can apply

- [ ] A **single company** or a **consortium** of up to 15 legal entities. Natural persons are not eligible, except sole traders.
- [ ] Established, with executive management, in the **EU** or a country associated to EDIP (list on the portal next to the call).
- [ ] **Not controlled by a non-associated third country** or entity. Exception only with guarantees approved by the Member State (for example FDI-screening mitigation measures).
- [ ] Infrastructure, equipment and staff used by the project are located in the EU or associated countries.

3. Money

ITEM	RULE
Topic budget	€122.25M (whole 2nd IRA call €275M; the Commission may move funds between topics)
Grant per project	up to **€20M**, may be lower
Minimum size	total eligible costs of at least **€2M**
Funding rate	**35 %** of eligible costs. Higher rate of 42.5 or 50 % only for priority actions: more than 50 % of beneficiaries are SMEs and mid-caps (or a SEAP carries out the project), plus 7.5 % bonuses for **new cross-border cooperation** and for **new infrastructure or new or ramped-up manufacturing capacity** for crisis-relevant products
Form	lump sum (fixed in advance from the project budget)
Payments	prefinancing normally **35 %** of the maximum grant, then only for **completed work packages** with results fully achieved
Indirect costs	flat rate of 7 % of direct costs
Management	WP1 (coordination and management) max. 10 % of total costs

Example: a €4M project at the 35 % base rate receives a €1.4M grant. You fund the remaining €2.6M yourself. With both bonuses (50 %) the grant would be €2M.

4. Hard conditions that sink applications

- **Components from outside the EU:** max. **35 %** of component costs may come from outside the EU and associated countries, calculated by one of the two methods in the call document and met for the whole action. You prove it in the **procurement strategy** annex.
- **Design authority:** the project must keep full control over the product design, including the right to replace restricted components, with no veto for any non-associated third country.
- **No components** from third countries that contravene the security and defence interests of the EU or its Member States.
- **Timing:** no start before 5 March 2024, no completion before signature of the grant agreement, end by 31 December 2033.
- **KPIs:** the proposal must define, baseline and track indicators such as added throughput (units per month), time-to-rate, lead-time reduction, reserved capacity or staff trained.

5. How it is evaluated

CRITERION	SCORE	WEIGHT
Objectives	0 to 5	2
Availability and security of supply in response to identified risks	0 to 5	2
Cross-border cooperation, inclusion of SMEs and mid-caps, or link with common procurement	0 to 5	2
Expected results	0 to 5	1
Production lead time, production capacity, reserved capacity and skilled workforce	0 to 5	2
Implementation	0 to 5	3

Maximum 60 weighted points, **threshold 39**. No minimum per criterion. Ties are broken by the lead time and capacity criterion first.

6. Step by step

1. **Check your fit:** your component is on the list, it serves the defence products named in the call and you can prove the 35 % rule and your ownership structure.
2. **Decide: alone or in a consortium.** A consortium raises the chance of bonuses (cross-border cooperation, SME majority). Find partners via the topic's partner search or Defence Hub.
3. **Register on the portal:** PIC in the Participant Register, LEAR appointment, legal entity validation and financial capacity documents. Two-factor authentication is mandatory since 30 June 2026.
4. **Create the proposal** via Start submission (EDF Lump Sum Grants) and fill in **Part A** online.
5. **Write Part B** in the Word template from the system, max. **70 pages**, structured along the six criteria. Upload as PDF.
6. **Prepare the mandatory annexes:** detailed budget table (EDIP LS), participant information, list of infrastructure, facilities, assets and resources, ownership control declarations and procurement strategy. A missing annex can make the proposal inadmissible.
7. **Zip Part B and the annexes** with a password (AES-256, under 100 MB) and upload. Send the password, proposal ID and zip name to DEFIS-EDIP-PROPOSALS-PWD@ec.europa.eu before the deadline.
8. **Submit by 16 February 2027, 17:00** Brussels time. Never upload classified parts; arrange delivery in advance via DEFIS-DEFENCE-SECURITY@ec.europa.eu.

7. Timeline

STEP	WHEN (INDICATIVE)
Call opening	17 June 2026
Deadline	**16 February 2027, 17:00**
Evaluation	February to May 2027
Information on results	June 2027
Grant agreement signature	September 2027

8. What to watch out for

- **Co-financing:** at 35 % you must secure the remaining 65 % of costs. Banks and investors will want to see it before the Commission does.
- **Lump sums are unforgiving:** money comes only for work packages whose results are fully achieved.
- **Do not plan FSTP** (financial support to third parties); the call does not allow it. Subcontracted work must be performed in eligible countries.
- **Consortia need a consortium agreement** and progress reports every 6 to 12 months, including evidence on component origin.
- **Classified information** follows the Member States' national rules; exchanges up to RESTRICTED via Filkrypto or the Commission's R Cloud.
- **Start now.** Registration, ownership control declarations and the procurement strategy take weeks, not days.

Want to talk your application through?

Defence Hub CzechInvest will help you free of charge to check your fit, find partners and review Part B before submission. Book a consultation on the Defence Hub website.

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Topic: EDF-EDIP-P-2027-LS-IRA-KEC
Call document: call-fiche_edf-edip-p-2027-ls-ira
Questions on the call: DEFIS-EDIP-PROPOSALS@ec.europa.eu

Topic on the portal

Sources: call document EDF-EDIP-P-2027-LS-IRA (sections 2 to 10) and the topic page EDF-EDIP-P-2027-LS-IRA-KEC on the EU Funding & Tenders Portal, as of 20 November 2026. Interpretation and advice are Defence Hub's. The call text on the portal always prevails.