EDIP USI: drones and counter-drone systems with Ukraine

Up to €10M at 100 % funding. Condition: a Ukrainian partner. Deadline 16 February 2027.

The call EDF-EDIP-USI-2027-LS-IRA-CUXS under the **Ukraine Support Instrument** of EDIP funds the industrial reinforcement of unmanned and counter-unmanned systems production so that production capacity and supply in Ukraine grow.

DEADLINE 16 FEB 2027, 17:00 | €80M TOPIC BUDGET | UKRAINIAN PARTNER REQUIRED | 100 % FUNDING

What the call funds

- **(Swarming) UxS** including FPV, modular payloads, relay and autonomy-enabled variants, and **UxS interceptors** protecting critical nodes and logistics routes.
- **EW-resilient UxS:** fibre-optic controlled or able to operate in GNSS- and RF-denied conditions.
- **Counter-UxS and supporting EW systems:** detection, jamming and spoofing, spectrum management for friendly UxS, terminal navigation, optronic and radar-guided systems.

Forms of cooperation: joint EU-Ukraine production lines, reinforcement of specific capacities (integration, testing of alternative navigation, assembly and test for high monthly volumes), scale-up of Ukrainian systems, **MaaS** (Manufacturing as a Service) and conversion of dual-use heavy industry for defence surge.

Money and rules

ITEM	RULE
Grant per project	up to **€10M**, minimum project size **€2M** eligible costs
Funding rate	**100 %** of eligible costs, lump sum, prefinancing normally 35 %
Who	a consortium of up to 15 entities from the EU and Ukraine, **at least one from Ukraine**; only a Ukrainian entity may apply alone
Conditions	no control by a non-associated third country, max. 35 % of component costs from outside the EU and Ukraine, full design authority
Where to produce	the call does not require everything to be in Ukraine, but it scores the impact on production and supply in Ukraine

Who it makes sense for

Manufacturers of drones, interceptors and C-UAS that have or can find a Ukrainian production partner. Without a Ukrainian entity in the consortium the application fails. We can help you find one via BRAVE1.

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 on the portal

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