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The Commission fosters cooperation between civilian and defence industries through multiple EU Funding Programmes, notably the European Defence Fund¹. This includes the EU Defence Innovation Scheme (EUDIS) that aims to attract non-traditional players into defence-relevant projects and EUDIS Matchmaking² that supports partnerships between defence companies, start-ups and small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs).

Following the adoption of the Defence Mini-Omnibus³, the European Innovation Council⁴ can invest in defence and dual-use companies.

The Commission addressed urgent ammunition needs by allocating EUR 500 million in 2023-2025 to boost manufacturing capacity under the Act in support of ammunition production⁵, including adaptation of existing manufacturing civilian capacities for defence production needs (e.g. projects NIPOMAC, ENGWARD, FOLI-POWERS⁶).

The European Defence Industry Programme (EDIP)⁷ foresees additional measures to ramp-up production capacities and supports defence industrial readiness with a budget of EUR 1.5 billion for 2026-2027. It facilitates the rapid adaptation of civilian products for defence – improve SMEs, mid-caps and start-up's access to defence market and private financing. EDIP envisages industrial reinforcement actions to enable more responsive and flexible manufacturing, including facilitating access to production capacity and accelerating industrial scale-up. The EU Defence Industry Transformation Roadmap⁸ outlines further options, such as manufacturing-as-a-service, allowing defence companies to use existing manufacturing capacities without major upfront investment. The EDIP work programme is in preparation and subject to the opinion of the Member States.

¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2021/697/oj/eng>.

² https://eudis.europa.eu/eudis-tracks/eudis-matchmaking_en.

³ https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=OJ:L_202502653.

⁴ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=celex:52022IP0401>.

⁵ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2023/1525/oj/eng>.

⁶ https://defence-industry-space.ec.europa.eu/document/download/b694b109-fa2c-493e-bf1e-87768ae6469e_en?filename=ASAP%20factsheet.pdf.

⁷ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2025/2643/oj>.

⁸ https://defence-industry-space.ec.europa.eu/document/download/513de692-d08c-40cc-80c3-cb6611ace178_en?filename=EU-Defence-Industry-Transformation-Roadmap.pdf.