

BraveTech EU

BraveTech EU is aimed at accelerating defence innovation through closer cooperation. Building on battlefield-tested innovations from Ukraine, BraveTech EU will strengthen the EU's and Ukraine's defence capabilities and deepen integration with Ukraine's defence industry.

What is BraveTech EU?

A joint EU-UA initiative, driven by EDF and EUDIS, aimed at:

- ▶ aligning EU and Ukrainian defence ecosystems
- ▶ supporting new defence technologies in the EU and Ukraine

Why do we need it?

- ▶ to elevate defence innovation, reinforcing both Ukraine's and the EU's security and technological prowess
- ▶ to accelerate the adoption of defence innovation across the EU and Ukraine, potentially offering new opportunities under the SAFE instrument

BraveTech EU supports the goals of the White Paper for European Defence – Readiness 2030, and the new EU-Ukraine Task Force on Defence Industrial Cooperation. It helps align EU and Ukrainian defence ecosystems, while leveraging the innovation potential of closer EU-Ukraine collaboration, focusing on defence industries and new tech ventures.

Next Steps

Phase I: 'Seed Phase' (as of autumn 2025)

A first 'Seed' Phase, from autumn 2025, to build upon existing EDF activities:

EUDIS Hackathons

Ukraine-focused defence hackathons in October 2025 and Spring 2026

Space/Defence hackathon under CASSINI contract

EUDIS Business Accelerator

Tailored support to European start-ups & scale-ups, including testing in Ukraine

R&D Funding

Topic-specific calls for EU/Norway and UA start-ups and SMEs in early 2026

EUDIS Matchmaking

Bringing together EU and UA defence innovation ecosystem

Phase II: 'Scale-Up' Phase (as of 2026)

EUDIS+UA Hackathons

Full UA association

EUDIS+UA Business Accelerator

Full UA participation
Tailored support to EU/Norway and Ukrainian start-ups & scale-ups.

Grants and equity support

Access to EIC Accelerator grants for EU, Norway companies
Indirect equity support through the Defence Equity Facility

