



Invitation to EUDIS Defence Hackathon 2025:

Rapid Defence Solutions for the Ukrainian Battlefield and Beyond

On behalf of the FUTURE FORCES FORUM, the Community Partner of the EUDIS Defence Hackathon held on 9 – 11 May 2025 in Prague, it is our sincere pleasure to offer you several cooperation opportunities.

The [hackathon](#) is organized by the [Prague Innovation Institute](#) under the auspices of the European Commission. The event is part of the [EU Defence Innovation Scheme](#) (EUDIS) and is funded and closely linked to the European Defence Fund (EDF), which has allocated €8 billion for the years 2021 – 2027 to support competitive and collaborative projects in the field of defence technologies.

This year's main theme is **Rapid Defence Solutions for the Ukrainian Battlefield and Beyond**, with challenges issued in the following areas:

- 1. Enhanced Situational Awareness and Tactical Surveillance Systems**
- 2. Cost-Effective Protective Gear for Frontline Defence**
- 3. Advanced Medical Support for Frontline Care**

Within each challenge, it is of course possible to issue a call that directly interests you, and you may be interested in potentially developed solutions or ideas for their resolution. We have distilled 30 possible sub-challenges that might inspire you, please see the [Challenges - IDEAS](#).

You can participate in the hackathon in several ways:

PARTNER

Gain access to new solutions in the field of security and the future of defence technologies. You will be able to network with all participants and will be acquainted with the challenges outcomes.

MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

During the hackathon, you will be the primary point of contact for participants. This mainly involves providing expertise in your field, which aligns with one or more of the hackathon challenges. This engagement includes active participation (ideally in person, but online participation is also possible), communication via Discord, and "on-demand" consultations for the solutions being developed.

PARTICIPANT TEAM DEVELOPING NEW SOLUTIONS

You have the opportunity to participate in the hackathon challenges and compete for the top three local prizes, totalling a minimum of **€3,000**. The winner will have the chance to present their final project/solution at the European Defence Fund Forum (travel and entry costs covered by the EDF). The winner of the local round will also receive a **two-month EUDIS mentoring program**, which includes up to 40 hours of mentoring from international experts in defence and business innovation.

EXPERT PROGRAM (CHALLENGE OWNERS)

You will be the direct point of contact for participants within a specific challenge. You will ensure the feasibility of the solutions developed by the teams.

Our goal is also to create a platform for collaboration and innovation that could have a significant impact on the future of European defence. As part of this platform, we offer the opportunity to engage with the [EDF](#), [NATO Innovation Fund](#), and/or [PESCO](#) (Permanent Structured Cooperation) grant programs. If you wish to submit projects to these programs, we would be happy to offer consultations with our network of mentors.

In case of your interest in any of the activities above, please contact the EUDIS organizing team.

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