



EUROPEAN DEFENCE AGENCY

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BACKGROUND ON DEFENCE R&T JOINT INVESTMENT PROGRAMME ON FORCE PROTECTION

Participants: Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and Norway.

Budget: Funding commitments received totalling Euros 54.23 million

Duration: Programme is expected to run for three years from 1 January 2007

Scope: Programme covers 18 specific research and technology items grouped under five capability areas:

- Collective (units, platforms, infrastructure) survivability through enhancing detect & identify & response performances
- Individual protection
- Data Analysis including data fusion from various sources
- Secured tactical wireless communication systems in urban environment
- Mission Planning/Training in an asymmetric environment

Management: A Management Committee of one representative of each contributing Member State (cMS), chaired by the EDA, will select the R&T topics for which a call for proposals will be launched by the Agency, decide the share of the budget to be allocated to this call, and authorise the award of contracts based on expert evaluation of the proposals. Decisions will normally be by consensus but, in the event of a vote, the votes will be weighted by the share of the budget of each cMS. A decision will be adopted if the votes in favour represent at least two thirds of the votes and at least half of the cMS.

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