

Call

Grand Solutions 2026 Defence technology and innovation

Application deadline: 1 September 2026 at 12:00

Project duration: 1-5 years

Total budget for the call: Minimum 105 MDKK¹

Innovation Fund Denmark investment per project: From 5 MDKK to 30 MDKK

Maximum Innovation Fund Denmark investment level: 75.0 pct. of the total project budget

1. About the Grand Solutions programme

The Grand Solutions programme invests in ambitious and preferably interdisciplinary research and innovation projects that can create new, specific solutions to important, politically prioritized societal challenges and create value for Denmark. To the extent possible, the Grand Solutions programme invests in projects carried out in close collaboration between research institutions, industry and public institutions, for instance military or other public authorities. Innovation Fund Denmark encourages cross-disciplinary projects in all parts of the value chain – from foundational research (in Danish: grundlagsskabende forskning) to industrial research and experimental development.

For this specific Grand Solutions call, the application process will follow a single-phase full application model rather than the standard two-phase model used for other Grand Solutions calls in 2026.

Innovation Fund Denmark distributes the available funds in open competition between projects that demonstrate the greatest impact potential.

The distribution of the funds for this call originates from the current Finance Act and the agreement on the disposition of the Research Reserve, Section 1.6 Defence Research, (see links under section 5: Guidelines and inspiration).

Read more about the Grand Solutions programme [here](#).

2. Aim of the call

The aim of this call is to support strategic research and innovation within single-use defence and dual-use critical technologies, which will strengthen Denmark's and the EU's technological capabilities with particular emphasis on technologies that contribute to defence capability, national resilience, and security of supply. The call seeks to support the development of technologies that can meet the operational needs of the Danish Armed Forces, while also reinforcing Denmark's position in the international technological landscape and supporting the functioning and cohesion of the Danish society.

Relevant areas include, but are not limited to:

¹ The Innovation Fund Denmark may at its discretion decide to increase the overall budget for this call, particularly in case of excess funds when faced with a substantial list of qualified applications in this call that cannot be funded within the original budget.

- Protection, surveillance and deterrence systems
- Command and control solutions
- Resilience
- Cyber security
- Critical infrastructure
- Unmanned systems
- Sensor technologies
- Maritime solutions

Projects are expected to address defence technological challenges and contribute to strengthening Denmark's defence technology ecosystem and to include collaboration between universities, research institutions, GTS institutes, industry, and relevant public authorities. The call aims to build research capacity and foster innovation in areas that are strategically important for defence technology development.

The call is intended as a parallel supplement to the [IFD call for research and innovation centres](#). It therefore targets innovation projects within defence domains that are not, in themselves, sufficiently extensive and/or mature to justify the establishment of a dedicated centre, while ensuring coherence with and complementarity to activities supported under the centre call.

The call may also support projects that strengthen competence and capacity building within the Danish research and innovation system, including initiatives that enhance Denmark's ability to participate in and attract funding from international and European research and defence programmes. This includes projects that strengthen the technological research capacity of Danish universities and companies through international collaboration, including participation in major international research infrastructures and organisations of which Denmark is a member (e.g., CERN, ESA, ESO, EMBL, ESRF, European XFEL, and the European Spallation Source).

3. Decision criteria

The three overall decision criteria are:

- Quality of idea – the quality of the research and innovation
- Impact – value creation during and after the project
- Quality of execution – efficiency in the project execution and the implementation of results

Note that the decision criteria for applications under this call differ slightly from the requirements for applications under the other Grand Solutions calls with regard to the justification of the expected impact. It is a requirement that it is justified that a significant part of the potential impact is already delivered within the lifetime of the project.

Further information about the decision criteria can be found in the Guidelines for Grand Solutions Phase 2.

4. Evaluation process

Applications under this call will be assessed by the [Committee for Advanced and Critical technologies](#)

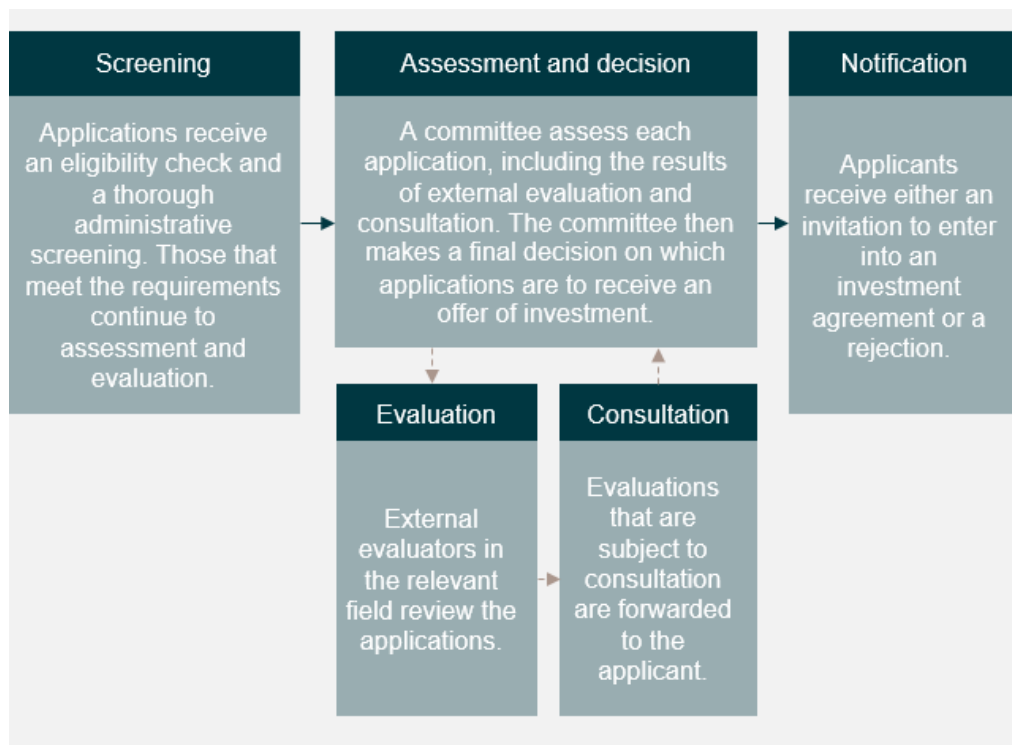
In duly justified exceptional cases, where the subject matter of a submitted application requires specific expertise not sufficiently represented within the Committee, the Committee and the IFD Secretar-

iat may consult external peer reviewers to support the assessment process. In such cases, the applicant will be given a consultation period of seven days to comment on the proposed external peer reviewer(s).

Like Committee members, external peer reviewers will be subject to IFD’s rules on confidentiality, conflicts of interest, and data management.

Applicants may also indicate “unwanted peers” in their application, and such requests will be respected.

As this is a single-stage application process, the evaluation process follows the general guidelines for Grand Solutions Phase 2, as set out below.



The evaluation process is described in detail in the Guidelines for Grand Solutions Phase 2.

Timeline:

- Application deadline: 31 August 2026 12:00
- Decisions are issued: December 2026

Applicants are notified of the decision via www.e-grant.dk. E-grant has prepared a FAQ that can be accessed [here](#).

Please note that if you have already been invited to submit an application to Phase 2 in the ongoing Grand Solutions 2026 calls, and you submit an identical or very similar application to this call you will be asked to withdraw one of the applications.

Please also note that, due to planned maintenance, e-grant will be in read-only mode during weeks 28–29. It will therefore not be possible to initiate, edit, or submit an application in e-grant during this period.

5. Guidelines and inspiration

Applicants within this Grand Solutions call must take into account the following:

- [Guidelines for Grand Solutions Phase 2](#)

The following can be used as inspiration to the application within the present Grand Solutions call:

- [Finance Act 2026](#) (in Danish)
- [Disposition of the Research Reserve 2026](#) (in Danish)
- [List of 10 critical technology areas for the EU's economic security](#)
- [UN's 17 Sustainable Development Goals \(SDG\)](#)

6. Deviation from the Grand Solutions Phase 2 Guidelines

This call follows a single-phase application process. Applicants must therefore submit a full application directly.

The call is otherwise governed by the Grand Solutions – Phase 2 Guidelines. However, the description of the two-phase application process in Section 2.1 (“How do you apply?”) and all other references in the guidelines to Phase 1 (letters of interest), invitations to Phase 2, and adjustments between Phase 1 and Phase 2 do not apply to this call and should be disregarded.

For the purpose of this call, all references in the guidelines to “Phase 2 applications” should be understood as referring to the full application submitted under this call.

7. Contact

Innovation Fund Denmark hosts regular webinars and Q&As on Grand Solutions where everyone is welcome to participate. Registration for upcoming webinars and Q&A sessions takes place via Innovation Fund Denmark's website.

Frequently asked questions to Grand Solutions and related answers can be found on Innovation Fund Denmark's website [here](#).

In case of further questions, contact us here:

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8. About Innovation Fund Denmark

Innovation Fund Denmark accelerates Danish research and innovation to solutions that strengthen Danish society's competitiveness and sustainability. We do this by investing in researchers, companies and entrepreneurs who create value, jobs and solve societal challenges – and by realizing potentials in the innovation system.

Innovation Fund Denmark wants to promote diversity in all its aspects. Therefore, all interested applicants, regardless of ethnicity, religion, gender identity, disability status, age or professional areas, etcetera, are encouraged to apply for the fund's programmes.