

Webinar

Strategic Defence Initiative 2026–2029

Part 2: Grand Solutions - Defence technology and innovation

7 May, 2026

The webinar will be recorded
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Agenda

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Purpose

Investments for projects that:

- Foster concrete solutions to societal challenges
- Have a high risk profile
- Focus on ambitious results and high impact
- Create value for Denmark

For instance new knowledge and improved processes, systems or products.





Who

Any legal entity, for instance a company, research institution or public institution

What

- Major investments; IFD invests from 5-40* million DKK
- Projects of 1-5 years

How

Projects should create financial or/and societal value for Denmark

* For this particular call, the maximum is 30 million DKK

Politically designated themes

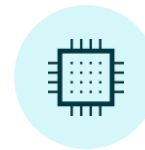
Based on the agreement on the research reserve for 2026, Innovation Fund Denmark will invest in **research and innovation within:**



Green research, technology and innovation



Biotechnology and biosolutions



Critical and digital technologies



Space Technology, AI, Nuclear



Quantum technology



Life science, health and welfare technology



Defence technology

Theme	Available funding*
Green research, technology and innovation, including research in energy systems	100 million DKK
Life science, health and welfare technology	100 million DKK
Biotechnology and biosolutions	90 million DKK
Critical and digital technologies, including space technologies, AI and nuclear power	275,6 million DKK
Quantum technologies	182,3 million DKK
Defence technology and innovation	105 million DKK
In total	852,9 million DKK

* 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.

- Purpose is to accelerate the allocation of funds in 2026 within the strategic defence initiative and a relatively fast initiation of projects.
- This call follows a single-phase application process with submission of a full application
- The aim of the call is to
 - support strategic research and innovation within single-use defence- and dual-use critical technologies
 - strengthen Denmark's and the EU's technological capabilities within
 - Defence
 - National resilience,
 - Security of supply.
- A parallel supplement to the upcoming centres
- Targets innovation projects within defence domains that are not, in themselves, sufficiently extensive and/or mature to justify the establishment of a standalone centre, while ensuring coherence with and complementarity to the activities supported under the centre call.



- Examples of relevant areas include, but are not limited to:
 - Protection, surveillance and deterrence systems
 - Command and control solutions
 - Resilience
 - Cyber security
 - Critical infrastructure
 - Unmanned systems
 - Sensor technologies
 - Maritime solutions
- We encourage international collaboration, including participation in major international research infra-structures and organisations of which Denmark is a member
- It must be justified that a significant part of the potential impact is already delivered within the lifetime of the project.
- A minimum of DKK 105 million is allocated
- Projects may apply for DKK 5–30 million.



Overall timeline, Grand Solutions 2026

	Programme	Date
Application deadline, phase 1 (LoI)	Regular	3 March
Call opened (open to all)	Defence	1 May
Response to applicants	Regular	Mid-June
Call phase 2 opens (by invitation only)	Regular	Mid-June
Application deadline (full application)	Defence	1 September
Application deadline, phase 2 (full application)	Regular	10 September
Response to applicants	Regular & Defence	Mid-December



The basics

- Title, acronym and brief summary
- Previous applications for IFD
- Related applications for other agencies
- Applicant information and key persons
- Suggested peer reviewers
- Suggested unwanted peer reviewers
- Indication of TRL and SRL levels
- Relation to scientific fields
- Relation to UN SDG's
- Relation to political research themes
- Confirmation of personal data

Uploads and appendices

- Full budget
- Appendix A: Figures and tables (optional)
- Appendix B: Participant motivation
- Appendix C: Key persons

For all uploads and appendices, mandatory templates will be available from the application form in e-grant.

Project description (I)

- **Aim [2,000 characters]:** Aim of project, including objectives that are measurable, specific and time-bound.
- **Unmet need [5,000 characters]:** Unmet need and/or societal challenges, including their national and international magnitude.
- **State of the art [5,000 characters]:** Current state of the art in academia/industry at national and international level, including fields of inspiration or competition. *Important:* State how the project stands out and why it will succeed.
- **Methods [5,000 characters]:** Scientific and/or investigative methods, including division between industrial research and/or experimental development.

Project description (II)

- **Societal/economic impact [5,000 characters]:** Societal and/or economic impact in quantitative measures. *Important:* State how the project will make a difference.
- **Strategic relevance [2,000 characters]:** Relevance of project for Danish society and value-creation for project partners, both in short and long term.
- **Competition [3,000 characters]:** Competitors in research/business, including their approach to stated unmet need or challenge.
- **IP rights [2,000 characters]:** Opportunities and obstacles in relation to intellectual property rights, including patenting, ownership and dissemination of knowledge.
- **Implementation [5,000 characters]:** Plan for implementing project results, including realisation and scaling of commercial potential, if relevant on international scale.

Project description (III)

- **Governance/management [1,200 characters]:** Governance and management model to support project fulfil its aim.
- **Key persons [2,000 characters]:** Qualifications of key persons, including supplementing skills, and contribution to aim.
- **Work plan [3,000 characters]:** Outline of overall work plan structure. *Optional:* Gantt chart in appendix.
- **Work packages [up to 10 work packages]:** Name, content, milestones and stop/go criteria, deliverables, time frame, partner contribution, and necessary resources for each WP.
- **Risk assessment [3,000 characters]:** Risk analysis and mitigation plan, including legal, ethical, or regulatory demands.

Quality of idea

To what extent the application clearly and successfully addresses the following sub-criteria:

The **aim** is ambitious, and the objectives are specific, measurable, and time-bound

The **unmet needs** and/or societal challenges are relevant and of a desirable magnitude at national or international level.

The planned research and/or innovation is innovative and well-positioned in relation to the **state of the art**.

The scientific and/or **investigative methods** are suitable and relevant.

Impact

To what extent the application clearly and successfully addresses the following sub-criteria:

The expected positive **societal and/or economic impact** for Denmark is plausible and substantiated, and described quantitatively.

The project is **strategically relevant** for Denmark and for the project participants and creates value for the participants both in the short and long term.

The planned solution and/or outcomes are **competitive**, both in an academic and an industrial context.

The potential obstacles and opportunities in relation to **intellectual property rights** are identified, including patenting, ownership and/or dissemination of knowledge to beneficiaries.

The **implementation of results**, either during or after the lifetime of the project, are planned, including the realisation and scaling of commercial potential.

Quality of execution

To what extent the application clearly and successfully addresses the following sub-criteria:

The **governance and management** model is suitable and efficient

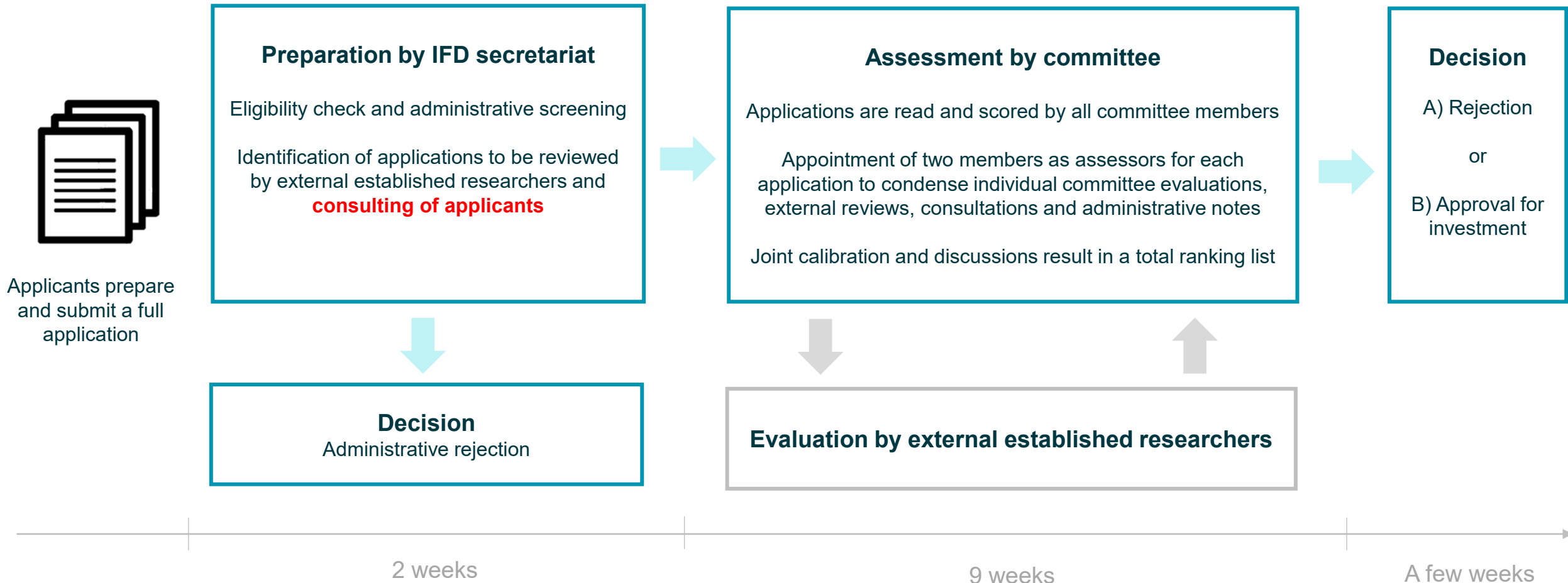
The **budget** is realistic, efficient and proportional to the scope of activities.

The qualifications of **key persons** correspond to the competences needed to fulfil the project objectives.

The **risk assessment** and risk management plan for activities is plausible and substantiated, including legal, ethical and regulatory aspects.

The **work plan** and work packages are operational in terms of content, tasks, quantitative milestones and deliverables, stop/go criteria, and distribution of tasks among project participants.

Assessment and decision process



The Grand Solutions Committee for Advanced and Critical Technologies is undertaking the internal assessment and takes the decision regarding rejection/approval.

- This call is open to all (not by invitation only)
- Same guidelines as regular Grand Solutions 2026 calls (Phase 2). Read them! 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.
- This call is more “restrictive” compared to regular Grand Solutions 2026 calls wrt
 - Impact: A significant part must be delivered within the lifetime of the project
 - External review: Consultation process concerning the use of external reviewers
- If you have already been invited to submit an application to Phase 2 in the regular 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.
- If you have already submitted an application, it is still possible to re-open it until the deadline (1 September) – we will only process the latest version.
- Due to planned maintenance, e-grant will be in read-only mode during weeks 28–29 (from 6 July – 19 July). It will therefore not be possible to initiate, edit, or submit an application in e-grant during this period.

Help and contact

Questions can be directed to the Grand Solutions team: +45 61 90 50 00
Tuesday and Thursday, 9.00-12.00

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Please also consult our [Q & A page](#)



Thank you for your attention –

Questions?