NATO · ACCELERATION · DUAL-USE

NATO DIANA

NATO Accelerator for dual-use technologies

Grant, mentors and access to the Alliance ecosystem

NATO's accelerator for emerging and disruptive dual-use technologies. 6-month intensive programme; selected companies enter via public challenge calls. Defence Hub hosts **NATO DIANA Accelerator Czechia**.

€100K GRANT | NATO ACCELERATION | DUAL-USE

WHAT IT IS

1. 6-month programme with 3 mentors (business, defence, technology) and curriculum
2. Access to 200+ test centres and end-users across the NATO alliance
3. Connection to investors (NATO Innovation Fund) and international network

WHO IT'S FOR

Company (startup or SME) from a NATO member country with a dual-use technology. Universities and non-profits are not eligible.

AT WHAT STAGE

TRL 4 and above — you need a working prototype or proof. Team capable of 6 months of intensive work and ~6 on-site visits.

BOOTCAMP GRANT

€100,000

+ up to €300,000 in Mission Track Scale phase

HOW & WHEN TO APPLY

1. Select a challenge at diana.nato.int/challenges — you apply to a specific challenge
2. Submit Short Form Proposal (technical solution, dual-use potential, ownership/control)
3. Long Form Proposal + Virtual Panel Session for shortlisted applicants
4. Sign framework agreement → accelerator starts in January

TIMING

Annual Challenge Call: ~June, deadline early July. Acceleration starts January. Dynamic Challenges: throughout the year.

NOTE / TIP

Verify company ownership/control (third-country influence = disqualification). Dual-use use-case must be clearly articulated.

FREE CONSULTATION · INDEPENDENT

Is this programme right for you?

Defence Hub CzechInvest helps you free of charge and independently — pick the right programme and navigate the full application.

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