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John Cockerill Defense, in association with 13 partners and subcontractors, participates in the European Defence Programme EDIDP

John Cockerill Defense has been selected by the European Commission to participate in the new European Defence Industrial Development Programme (EDIDP). John Cockerill Defense, through a consortium of 13 partners and subcontractors, will collaborate on the project LynKEUs coordinated by MBDA (Europe's leading designer of missiles and missile systems). The LynKEUs project aims to develop Beyond Line Of Sight (BLOS) missile firing capabilities using airborne and ground-based robotic observation means. LynKEUs will also offer the opportunity to identify and test new emerging solutions that could contribute to the future evolution of this operational capability and will be sanctioned by a test campaign. John Cockerill Defense will bring all its experience in simulator development and integration of functionalities into its Cockerill products.

Thierry Renaudin, President of John Cockerill Defense, said: *"Thanks to the LynKEUs project, we have the opportunity to participate in the first capability development programmes funded by the European Commission and, in addition, to collaborate with a leading player in the missile field. This selection rewards our willingness to invest in ambitious and innovative European projects"*.

John Cockerill Defense and its 10 other partners - from Belgium: The Royal Military Academy, FN Herstal, Thales Belgium and Xenics; from Cyprus: Aditess, the Cyprus Institute and SignalGenerix; from France: MDBA, Novadem and Safran; as well as the 3 subcontractors: MILREM (Estonia), DELAIR (France) and Carmenta (Sweden) - are now entering the negotiation phase of the grant agreement with the Commission.



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About the EDIDP programme:

The European Defence Industrial Development Programme (EDIDP) aims to foster the competitiveness and innovation of the European Union's defence industry. The objective of this call is to form collaborative European projects with a view to developing new products or improving existing defence products.

About John Cockerill Defense:

Member of the bicentennial John Cockerill Group, John Cockerill Defense is the technological leader in multifunctional, high-effect turrets in the 25-120mm range for light and medium weight armored vehicles. John Cockerill Defense develops and integrates complete and innovative solutions: design, production, integration and upgrade of weapons systems, operational and tactical training, Agueris® simulation systems (virtual immersive, mobile, embedded and inter-connectable), through-life support and innovative functionalities. Marketed under the Cockerill® brand, John Cockerill Defense weapons systems combine superior firepower and light-weight for high-mobility armored vehicles, guaranteeing performance and protection. www.johncockerill.com/defense

Press release MBDA : <https://www.mbda-systems.com/press-releases/mbdas-mmp-missile-selected-to-fulfill-the-european-beyond-line-of-sight-battlefield-engagement-capability/>

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