

**On State Research Programme “Defence Innovation Research Programme”**

1. The State research programme “Defence Innovation Research Programme” (hereinafter – the Programme) shall be approved in accordance with [Section 13](#), Paragraph two, Clause 3 of the [Law on Scientific Activity](#).

2. The Ministry of Defence shall be assigned as the responsible authority for the implementation of the Programme.

3. The total funding of the Programme for the period from 2021 to 2023 shall be EUR 1,500,000, including EUR 544,520 for 2021, EUR 477,740 for 2022 and EUR 477,740 for 2023. The Programme is funded from the State budget funds allocated to the Ministry of Defence under the State budget sub-programme 22.12.00 “Maintenance of the National Armed Forces”.

4. The overarching goal of the Programme – development of new knowledge, skills and solutions in priority research and technology fields of the national defence sector.

5. The goal of the Programme – boosting technology transfer and development of innovative applied research solutions and products in accordance with the defence technology priorities defined in the policy planning documents of the national defence sector and also the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (hereinafter – NATO).

6. The task of the Programme is to create a new or improved product, prototype or technological solution in any of the following fields:

6.1. cyber-security, electronic warfare and photonic devices for secure communication and more economic solutions for cyberspace controls;

6.2. robotics, multifunctional sensor systems, unmanned aerial vehicle systems and related autonomy solutions;

6.3. military equipment systems, including personal equipment and textile technologies, wearable electronics.

7. The achievement of the following results shall be defined during the Programme implementation:

7.1. new or improved technology, a prototype of an innovative solution or product;

7.2. technology rights;

7.3. intellectual property licence contracts.

8. The following common (horizontal) tasks shall be defined for the Programme:

8.1. to develop technological competence and ensure advisory scientific support in the development of military capabilities in the fields referred to in Paragraph 6 of this Order and also in matters related to provision and maintenance thereof;

8.2. to develop and maintain a knowledge base on NATO and European Union national and multifunctional research initiatives in priority fields and to ensure collaboration and involvement of Latvian scientists in international projects, thus promoting the stay of skilled workers in Latvia;

8.3. for the purpose of ensuring the Programme, the project implementers shall collaborate with each other in the implementation of joint activities (for example, original scientific articles, conferences and seminars).

9. The Programme implementation period may be extended up to one year if this is necessary for the reinforcement of the Programme and its project results, without allocation of additional funds.

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