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TXT E-Tech to Lead DART Project Driving Innovation in the European Defence Sector

The company is preparing to coordinate the €28 million project funded by the European Defence Fund, bringing together some of Europe's leading aerospace, defence and digital engineering organisations to develop new interoperable digital architectures for the defence systems of the future.

Milan, 26 May 2026 – TXT Group announces that it has been selected to lead the DART project – **Digital Architecture Framework for SoS Readiness and Digital Twin Integration** – funded by the European Defence Fund (EDF), the European Union programme dedicated to strengthening industrial and technological cooperation in the defence sector.

TXT e-Tech – the Group's subsidiary **specialising** in the development of digital solutions that combine AI, IoT and Digital Twin technologies to support the **aerospace, defence, automotive and manufacturing sectors** – **will coordinate the EDF project**, confirming the Group's growing relevance within European strategic research and innovation programmes.

With a total value of approximately **€28 million** and a duration of 36 months, **DART aims to contribute to the development of a more integrated, standardised and technologically autonomous European defence market**, promoting collaboration and interoperability across the European Union's industrial and technological ecosystems.

More specifically, the initiative introduces an innovative approach that combines **Digital Twin technologies, Model-Based Systems Engineering (MBSE) and system interoperability** to address the increasing complexity of European air combat programmes and, more broadly, modern system-of-systems programmes.

The consortium brings together leading European industrial and technology organisations, including Dassault Systèmes, MBDA Italia, Indra Sistemas, Safran Electronics & Defense, GMV Aerospace and Defence, Orange and Aero Vodochody Aerospace, alongside other industrial partners and European centres of excellence.

"We are delighted to have secured the coordination of a European Defence Fund initiative of the scale and strategic importance of DART," said **Daniele Misani – CEO of TXT Group**. "This achievement makes us particularly proud as it represents important recognition of the expertise developed by the Group in advanced technological and digital solutions applied to the aerospace and defence sectors. Working on a project of this magnitude will enable us to further consolidate our expertise in defence and strengthen the Group's role within Europe's leading programmes dedicated to technological development in such a strategic sector."

"Coordinating a European project such as DART will certainly represent an important challenge," said **Michele Sesana – Innovation Manager at TXT Group**. "Our team is ready to embark on this journey, drawing on the technological expertise and programme management capabilities developed over the years, which have enabled the Group to establish itself among Europe's leading players in the defence sector. We have three years of hard work and collaboration with leading European industrial

partners ahead of us, with the aim of making a tangible contribution to the development of Europe's industrial and defense sectors."

TXT *is an Italian technology group with a strong international presence, positioned as a hub of innovation and advanced expertise to digitalise products and business processes and create tangible value in highly complex sectors. A truly integrated ecosystem of outstanding tech companies, TXT operates across multiple markets with a strong focus on Aerospace, Defence and Digital Finance, leveraging its strong innovation mindset and next-generation technological and engineering capabilities. Its in-depth understanding of digital transformation processes also finds expression in sectors such as Public Administration, Healthcare, Manufacturing and Transportation, where the company has delivered cutting-edge projects across Italy. The combination of technological expertise and the ability to create innovative customer experiences has also enabled TXT to expand into the Martech sector. Founded in 1989, the Group has been listed on the Milan Stock Exchange (STAR segment) since 2000 and reported revenues exceeding €300 million (2024 figures). With more than 3,000 employees across 20 offices worldwide, TXT is a global technology player with a strong presence across the Americas, Asia and Europe.*

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