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€100 Million Pan-European Dual-Use Investor Network Launches at Web Summit 2025

November 12th 2025 Lisbon, Portugal, at Web Summit Lisbon 2025, DAX HUB announces the launch of the Pan-European Dual-Use Investor Network, signaling a new era in strategic aerospace, defense, and security-tech innovation funding. Anticipated commitments exceeding €100 million in the coming years will be deployed in early-stage startups, reflecting strong momentum among 20+ partners from 10 countries.

The network unites institutional investors, family offices, sovereign innovation platforms, and venture capital firms focused on scaling dual-use technologies, those with both commercial viability and national resilience, including satellite systems, AI-powered threat detection, next-gen communications, cybersecurity, and autonomous platforms.

“Europe needs sovereign innovation, and the Dual-Use Investor Network led by DAX HUB catalyzes cross-border investment for the critical technologies shaping our future,” said Olga Fleming, Investor Committee Head of DAX HUB and WebSummit PITCH jury member.

Priority Access for Web Summit-Verified Investors

The network offers fast-track access and streamlined onboarding to investors pre-vetted via Web Summit’s registration platform, tapping into a curated pool exceeding 500 million euro deal pipeline. This exclusive community prioritizes trust, capital readiness, and aligned innovation goals.

A Shift Toward Strategic Tech Leadership

European defence and dual-use technology investment is experiencing unprecedented growth, with venture funding in European defense tech jumping 20–30% in 2024, reaching over \$5 billion. The European Defence Fund and the EU’s €1.065 billion annual program further bolster this momentum, with European defense firms projected to receive more than €392 billion in 2025, up from €343 billion in 2024.

DAX HUB’s network benefits from direct engagement opportunities with NATO and European defence and civilian opportunities, and national governments.

Network Highlights

- Anticipated commitments exceeding €100 million in deployable capital
- 20+ partners across strategic venture firms, government platforms, and industrial backers
- Designed for seamless interaction with civil and defense procurement channels

This initiative marks a transformative step in building Europe's resilience through innovation and investment.

About DAX HUB

DAX HUB is a catalyst for dual-use innovation across Europe, accelerating aerospace, defense, and autonomous technology ventures critical to the continent’s security and competitiveness. Through its investor networks, accelerator programs, and policy work, DAX HUB connects entrepreneurs, institutions, and capital.

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