

Defense Tech for Ukraine /
European Action for Ukraine

Ukraine and European Defense Wins



Delegation to Europe for Ukraine



DEFENSE TECH FOR UKRAINE



DTU is an international task force of volunteers working to ramp up the quality and quantity of tools for Ukraine's armed forces. DTU serves as an early stage incubator taking defense ideas from prototype to production into the soldiers' hands. Composed of 150 engineers, manufacturers, donors, investors, and project managers, DTU bridges the gap between cutting-edge concepts and battlefield-ready solutions.

Join DTU's weekly online defense tech synergy planning sessions by registering on defensetechforukraine.org

**INNOVATION
DEFENDS
FREEDOM**

Spring 2025, Defense Tech for Ukraine (DTU) and European Action for Ukraine (EAU) teams spent two weeks in the Baltic (Latvia, Estonia) and Benelux (Belgium, Netherlands) regions.

Actions & connections

- * Drone Summit conference
- * Belgian Defense Hackathon
- * 3 European Parliament members
- * 2 defense ministers
- * the Ukrainian Mission to the EU
- * NATO Science for Peace and Security (SPS) team
- * 5 defense manufacturers
- * 2 pro-Ukraine NGOs
- * Several large donors and other powerful allies



EUROPEAN ACTION FOR UKRAINE (EAU)



**DEFEND UKRAINE
DEFEND EUROPE**

European Action for Ukraine (EAU) coordinates and supports grassroots advocacy and activism for Ukraine in Europe.

ADVOCACY	MILITARY AID	ECONOMIC SUPPORT	COUNTER PROPAGANDA
			

EUROPEAN DEFENSE REQUIRES UNITY

At no time since the Second World War has European security been so urgently threatened by a bloodthirsty enemy. Russia's aggression against Ukraine is not just an isolated conflict but a broader strategic move that undermines the stability of Europe and the postwar international order. Supporting Ukraine is not only a moral and legal duty but helps block Russia's efforts to destroy democracy worldwide. Western European countries must wake up to the urgent threat posed from Russia's aggression, take urgent steps to protect their own borders, fight the omnipresent Russian propaganda, and dramatically increase support for Ukraine as the first line of defense against Russia's assault upon civilization.

EUROPEAN ACTION FOR UKRAINE

EAU coordinates pro-Ukraine advocacy efforts at the country level across Europe. Composed of dedicated unpaid volunteers on both sides of the Atlantic and including efforts across all European countries and at the European Union, EAU advances greater military, economic and diplomatic support of Ukraine by every country in Europe.

 **GET INVOLVED**
EuropeanActionForUkraine.org



COLLABORATION SPEEDS DEFENSE INNOVATION



Improved defense capabilities via collaboration
among European and Ukrainian partners, facilitated
by the **Defense Tech for Ukraine** nonprofit



Drone Summit in Riga, Latvia

DTU presented at the 2025 Drone Summit in Latvia, hosted by Riga Technical University. Many new connections and opportunities to expand DTU's network and ability to assist Ukraine's defense.



Speaking at Drone Summit in Riga, Latvia

DTU Executive Director Carl Larson spoke on the importance of Europeans aiding Ukraine.

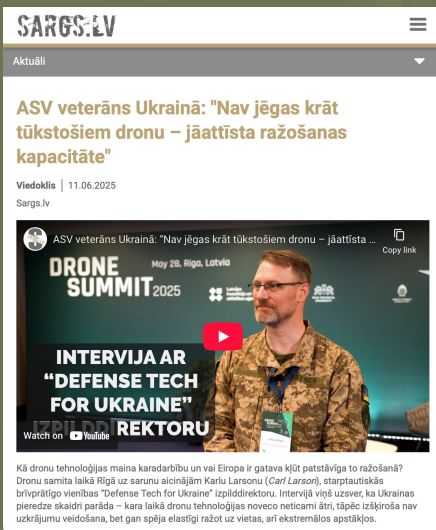
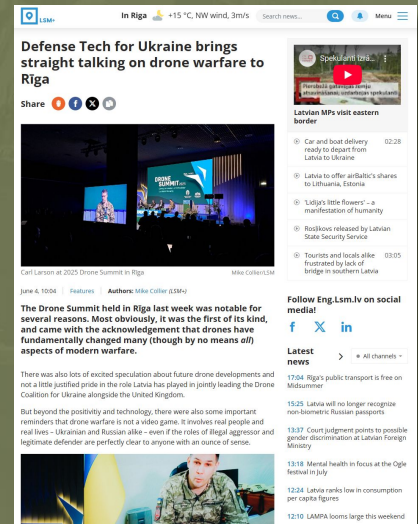
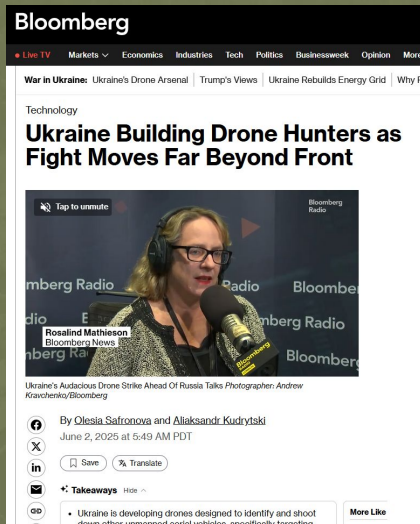
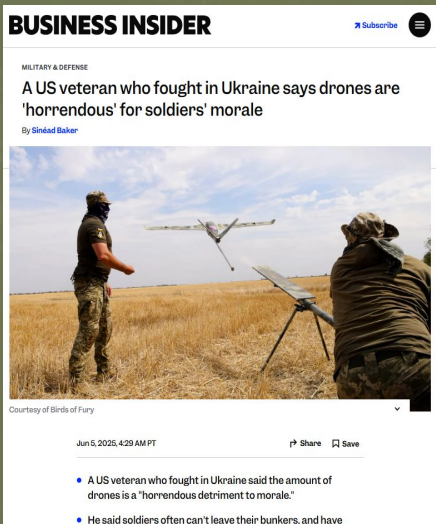


"This is the call of our generation. If I'd been alive during the 1940s I would have fought the German Nazis. I'm alive now so I fight the Russian Nazis. And I'd call upon all of you to do the same."

- DTU Executive Director Carl Larson



Media Attention from Drone Summit



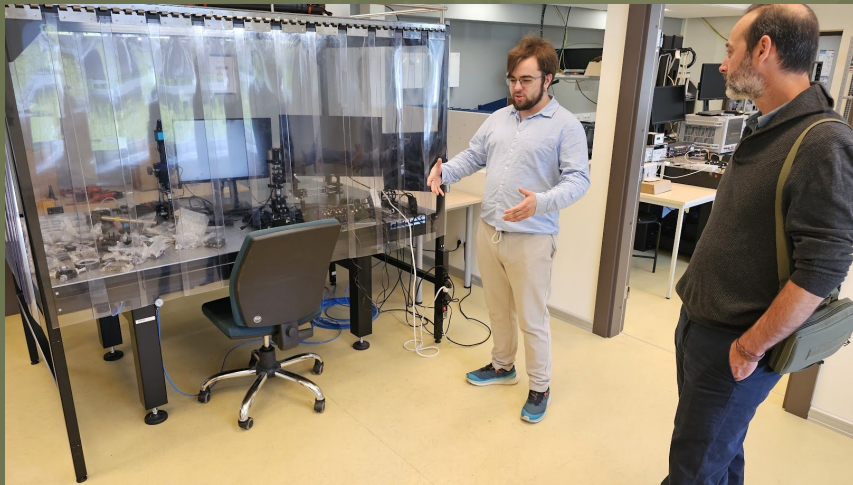
DTU was interviewed for 5 prominent news outlets at the conference



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Connections with the Riga Technical University in Latvia

Latvia's Riga Technical University (RTU) has a strong defense focus. DTU visited some of their research labs and looks forward to close cooperation with RTU to strengthen the defense of Latvia, Ukraine and all democracies.



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Latvian and Estonian Defense Manufacturers



The DTU team met 5 Baltic defense manufacturers and identified opportunities to work together against the common threat



DTU partner: Ukrainian VARTA Drone Hunter



DTU is proud to partner with and support Ukrainian manufacturer VARTA, maker of the Drone Hunter recoilless drone-mounted kit to interdict Russian drones. For more info visit <https://www.vartadrone.com>



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Belgian Defense Hackathon

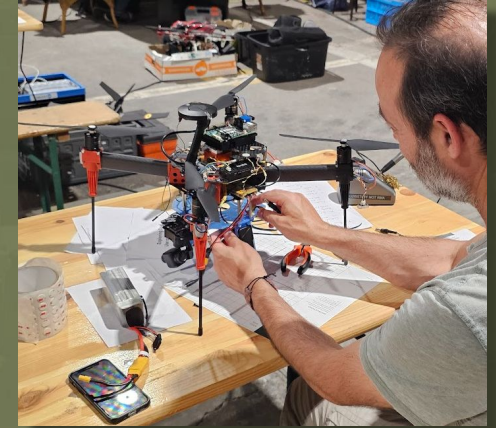


Defense Tech for Ukraine (DTU) participated in the Belgian Ministry of Defense's Battlefield of Things 2: Drone Hackathon

Teams worked on and presented solutions for detecting and countering drones that don't emit RF, bolstering the defense tech ecosystem, and for amplifying drone pilot effectiveness. Several of the engineers there are now new members of our DTU community.



Belgian Defense Hackathon



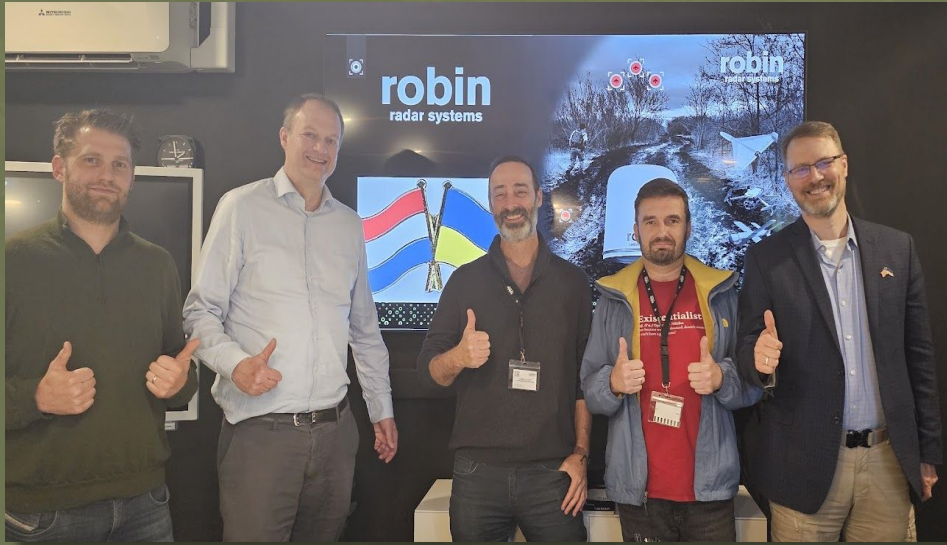
NATO Connections



Defense Tech for Ukraine (DTU) met with NATO's Science for Peace and Security (SPS) team at NATO HQ in Brussels and discussed ways to ramp up European and Ukrainian defense.



Netherlands NGOs and Defense Manufacturers



Dutch defense manufacturers are already supporting Ukraine's defense and Dutch NGOs are delivering large quantities of highly innovative aid.



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Advocacy for Ukraine in Brussels

The European Action for Ukraine (EAU) team built relationships, identified opportunities and connections in Brussels, especially at the European Parliament.



Ukraine Advocacy at the European Parliament



Discussion hosted by MEP Petras Auštrevičius, Renew Europe

RUSSIAN FROZEN ASSETS FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND ASSISTANCE TO UKRAINE

20 May 2025
15:00-16:30
European Parliament in Brussels, room SPINELLI 5G1



Ukraine Advocacy at the European Parliament

The team met with 3 members of the European Parliament, as well as two defense ministers (Finland and Latvia), Ukraine's Mission to the EU and other powerful supporters of Ukraine. Consultation with these experienced allies resulted in the following strategies to support Ukraine at the EU:



Mission of Ukraine to
the European Union



MEP (Belgium) Yvan Verougstraete



MEP (Latvia) Reinis Poznaks



MEP (fmr - NL) Catharina Rinzema

Advocacy Opportunities at the EU Parliament

Short term

- Funding for "Wall of Drones"
- Redirect frozen RU funds in EU banks to help Ukraine
- Strengthen sanctions on Russia
- Creation of NATO Bank DSRB (Defense & Security Resilience Bank)

Medium Term

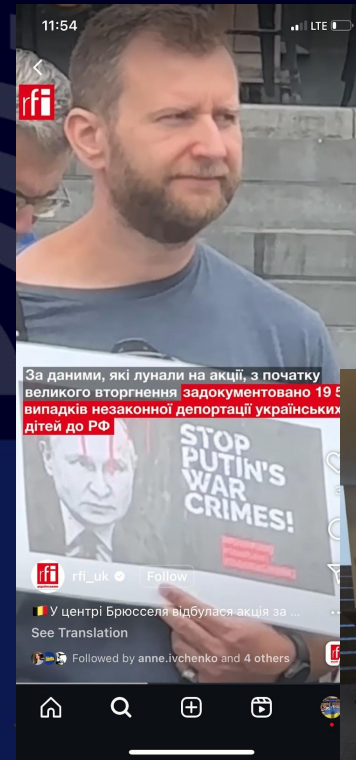
- End prohibition of EU citizens volunteering with UA military
- Lowering the price of oil/gas
- Prioritize EU funding to collaboration with UA

Long Term

- Funding for counter-propaganda efforts



Ukrainian-Belgian Community for Ongoing Action



Defense Tech for Ukraine Executive Team

Defense Tech for Ukraine (DTU) is a 300-person community of engineers, current and former soldiers, manufacturers, project managers and allies, all working together to improve the quality and quantity of tools in the hands of Ukraine's defenders.

A few examples of defense tech projects DTU is proud to support

- Drone-mounted recoilless shotguns for interdicting ork drones
- Acoustic drone detector mesh network
- Integrated FC and fiber optic converter module
- Jet-powered air-to-air interceptor drone
- Air-to-air rockets
- 3D printed fixed wing drone

DTU is looking to connect with more Ukrainian, European, Canadian, Taiwanese, Australian and American soldiers, manufacturers, engineers, project managers and allies. We are especially seeking Ukrainian defense tech startup innovators who need engineering and resource support.

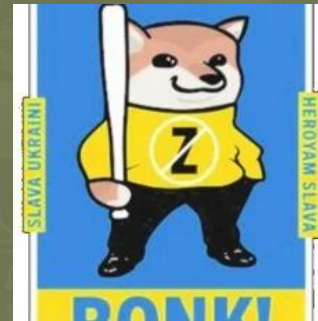
For more info or to join DTU, visit defensetechforukraine.org



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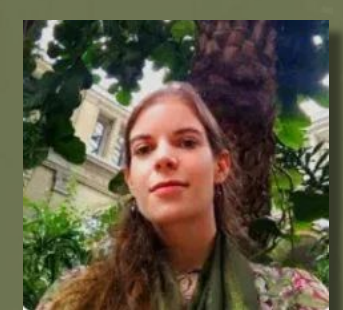
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European Action for Ukraine Executive Team

European Action for Ukraine (EAU) is a nonprofit organization focused on ramping up European advocacy efforts for Ukraine.

EAU's mission is to mobilize and expand European leadership—particularly from key nations such as Germany, the United Kingdom, and France—to dramatically increase military aid, financial assistance, and diplomatic assistance for Ukraine against Russian aggression.

European governments must enact robust, sustained measures—including the delivery of advanced defense systems, substantial economic support, and the passage of strong pro-Ukraine legislation. These efforts are not only vital for Ukraine's survival but also for ensuring long-term stability across the European continent. Supporting Ukraine must be understood as a strategic investment in peace and security, rather than a discretionary expense.

EAU consists of 60+ experienced volunteer advocates from Europe and North America. The organization partners with and supports existing advocacy efforts in key European capitals, including Berlin, London, Paris, and Brussels. While European members lead outreach to their respective national governments, American members contribute by sharing advocacy strategies honed through years of experience in Washington, D.C. By united dedicated volunteers and resources in a common goal, EAU builds a stronger, more coordinated movement capable of influencing real policy change in support of Ukraine.



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EU/Belgium Advocacy Lead



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France Advocacy Lead



Sacha Bunatyan
UK Advocacy Lead

Join the fight!



"Technological advancements are the key to defeating Russia."

- Valerii Zaluzhnyi, Former Commander-in-Chief of the Ukrainian Armed Forces

Next steps

To join **Defense Tech for Ukraine**:

<https://defensetechforukraine.org/sign-up-to-volunteer>

Join the international team designing the next generation of defense technology.



"It is not only the destiny of Ukraine that is at stake. It is Europe's destiny."

- Ursula von der Leyen, President of the European Commission

Next steps

To join **European Action for Ukraine**:

<https://europeanactionforukraine.org/membership-signup-form>

Join the global team of advocates strengthening Europe's commitment to Ukraine.

