

# Le CIEDS

## *Ambition, missions et réalisations*

**Novembre 2025**



# CIEDS: the defense and security center at IP Paris

**March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021:** Launch of the CIEDS

Signature of the protocol between IP Paris and the Armed Forces Ministry for the development of defense innovation



INSTITUT  
POLYTECHNIQUE  
DE PARIS



MINISTÈRE  
DES ARMÉES  
*Liberté  
Égalité  
Fraternité*



AGENCE  
INNOVATION  
DÉFENSE

*Promote research, innovation and training projects within IP Paris for the benefit of the Armed forces ministry and in connection with defense companies.*

« The goal is to make CIEDS the **reference academic center in France for Defense**, drawing inspiration for example from the Lincoln Lab associated with MIT in the US. »



# The 5 missions of CIEDS

## TARGET

Identify **disruptive scientific and technological devices** for defence operators.



## SEARCH

Conducting **cutting-edge research** in defence domains of interest.

Laboratories



## CONNECT

**Facilitate interactions** between researchers, students, industry professionals and operators in the defence sector.



## TRAIN

Developing **awareness of defence issues** in training programmes.

IP Paris departments

## TRANSFER

Making technologies quickly accessible to companies and supporting the **transition to scale**.

Industry



# Key figures (novembre 2025)

## Capacities



**30 IP Paris laboratories** involved in defense and security issues



**+150 permanent researchers and research professors**

Non-permanent: 57 PhD, 24 postdoctoral researchers and 5 engineers



**66 ongoing studies**,  
including 16 new projects launched in October 2025

## Impact



**102 publications** filed on national platform (HAL)



**9 patent** applications filed



**3 start-ups created**, with CIEDS and civil funding



**+ 140 students educated** on defense issues for 2023-2024

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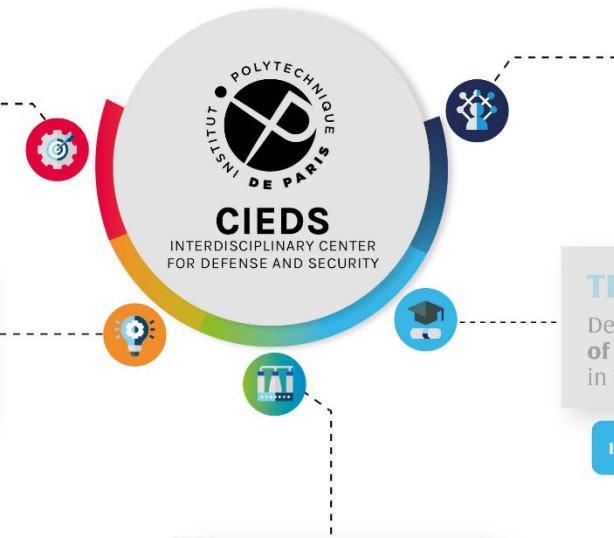
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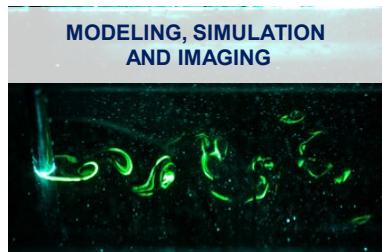
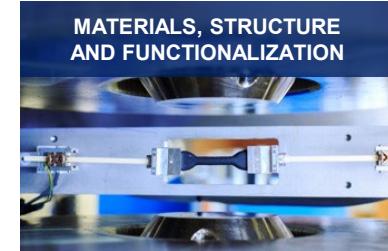
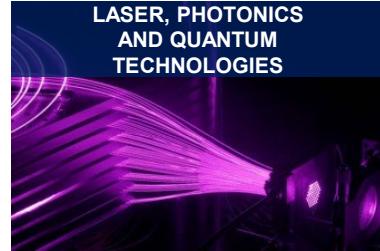
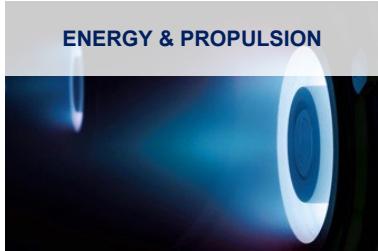


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# CIEDS scientific axes



# Annual call for projects



Fundamental research  
with applications to defense

Projects improving  
the maturity of technologies  
towards proof of concept

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## Project profiles

- Relies on IP Paris laboratories
- Matches defense priority-topics identified by AID
- Proof of concept or follow-up funding for successful previous studies
- Grants for 2 to 4 years (PhD, post-doc, engineer)
- Collaborations with industrial partners are allowed (supporting > 50% global cost)

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# Laboratories key skills at IP Paris



Applied  
Mathematics



Cyber | Data



AI



Robotics



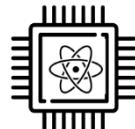
Drones



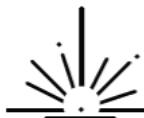
Additive  
manufacturing



Mechanics  
Structures and  
tests



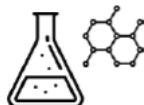
Quantum



Lasers



Plasmas



Chemistry  
& functionalized materials



Biological risks  
detection

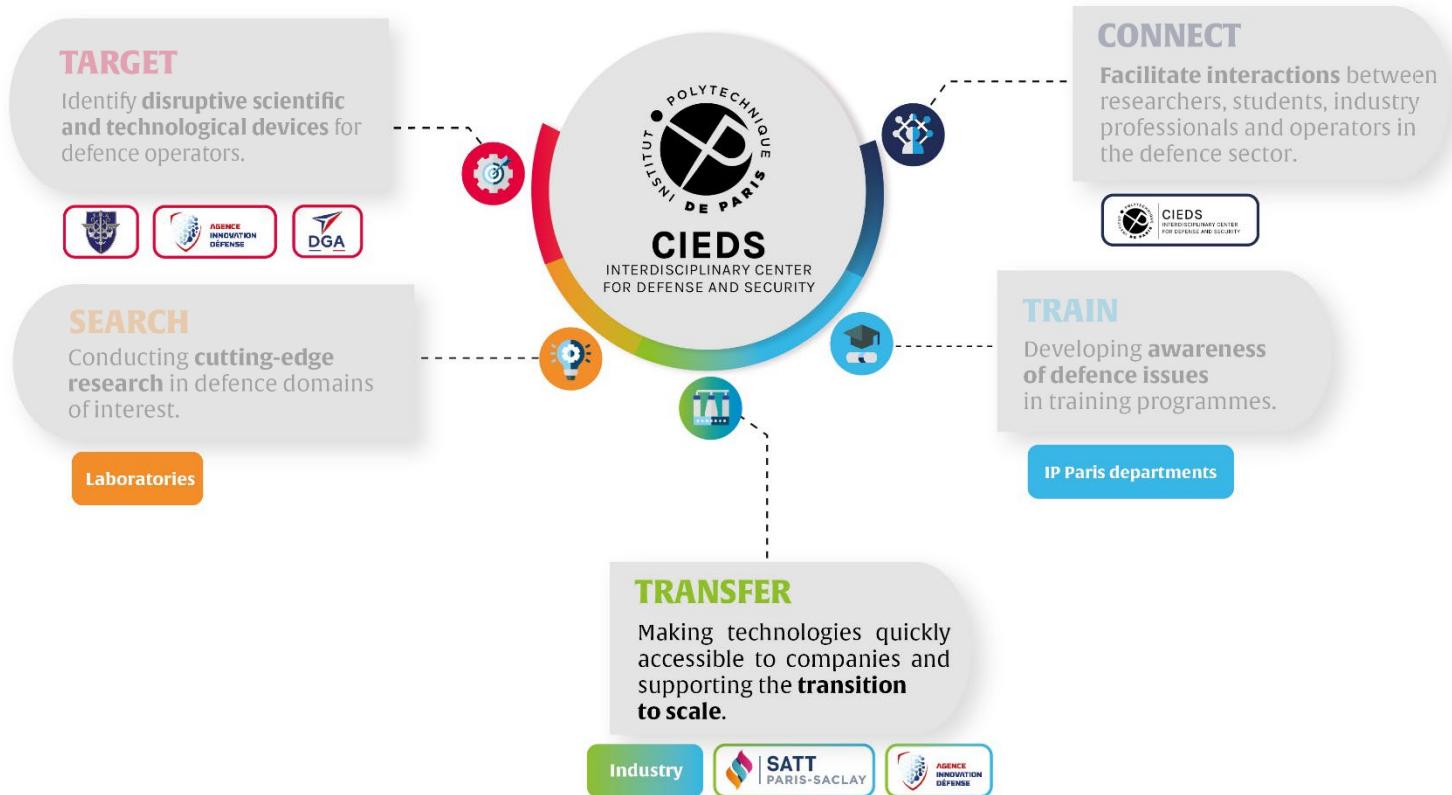


Management  
of defense  
innovation



Sovereignty  
& defense strategy

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# Supporting scaling up

## Improve the maturity of projects on several axes

*Technologies* – Proof of concept and industrial development

*Use* – Deployment to end users

*Market* – Transfer of project results to companies

*Work in Collaboration with IP Paris Technology Transfer Offices*

**Supported by SATT Paris-Saclay**

- Intellectual property (patentability studies)
- Technological positioning
- Support for dual innovation (market research)



# Defense support for dual-use startups in IP Paris ecosystem

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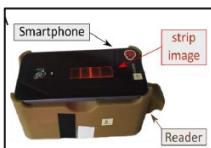
Industry SATT PARIS-SACLAY AGENCE DÉFENSE



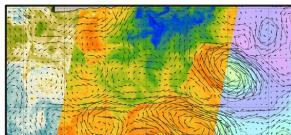
Air decontamination by pulsed power plasma reactors



Transforming R&D data into innovation decisions



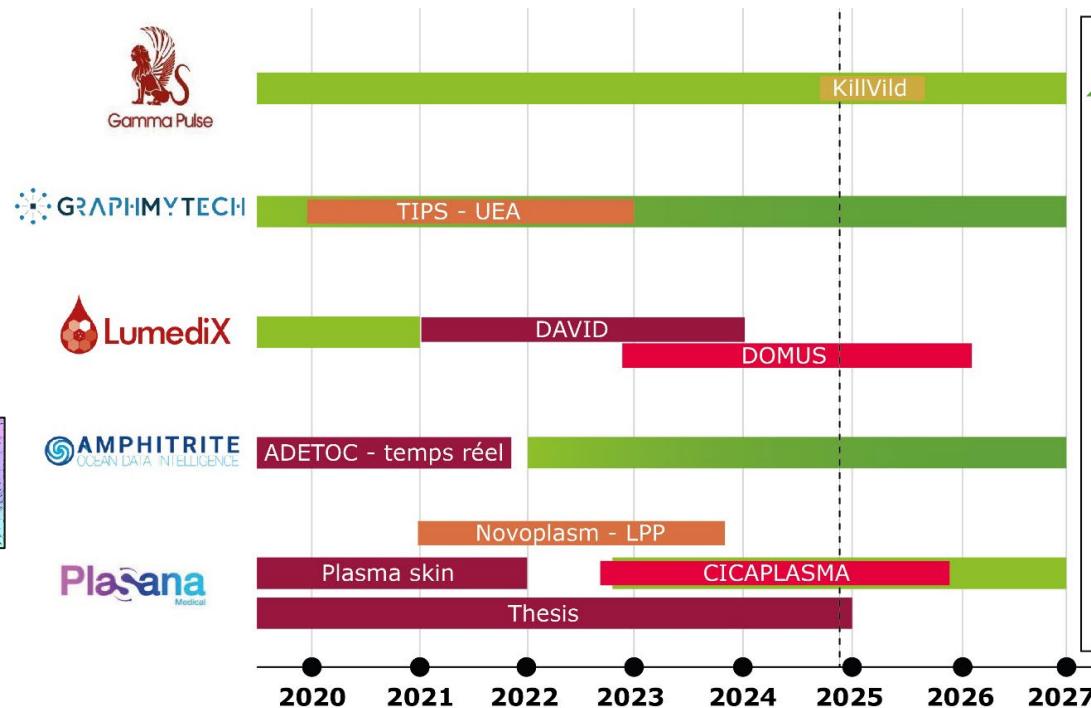
Portable and Ultra-Sensitive Optical Device for Pathogen Detection



Help marine operators make the best decisions at sea

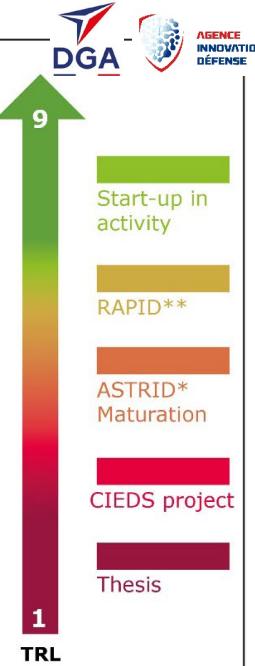


Cold plasma healing treatment for chronic wounds and severe burns



\* ASTRID Maturation = Specific support for defence research and innovation work

\*\* RAPID = Dual innovation support scheme



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# COMHET Joint Laboratory

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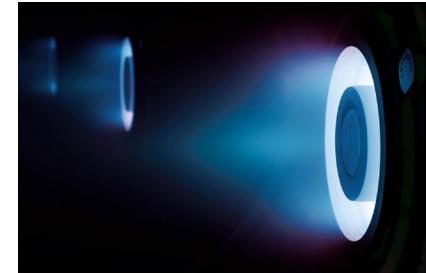


## Research and development on new electric satellite thrusters



Launched  
on November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023

#Newspace  
#Plasmas  
#R&D



### Collaborative CIEDS project ValidHETion

- Funded by AID in the framework of CIEDS annual calls
- Integrated in the COMHET Joint Laboratory

*Validate **digital engine simulation tools** by  
comparing them with various **experimental**  
**measurements.***



# Innovation & uses

## – Participation to the CoHoMa III Challenge

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ARMÉE DE LA DÉFENSE

**Challenging teams by facing them with realistic missions involving drones, robots and command systems**

*Organization* – French Army innovation's office, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition: May, 2025

*Participation* – Platforms, researchers & students from ENSTA

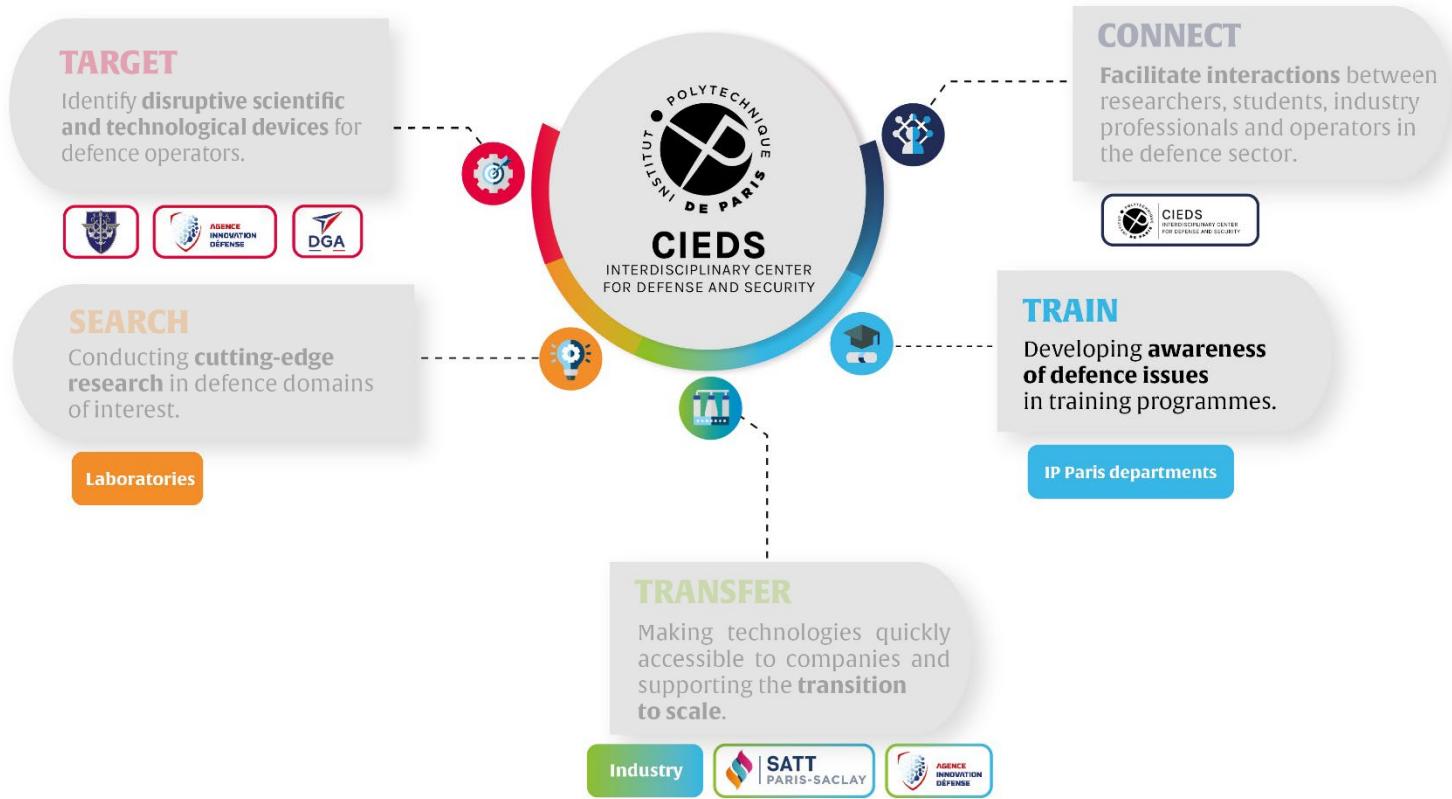
*Technologies* – Autonomous navigation algorithms and human/system interaction



*A tactical and immersive event*

*Your mission: ensure possession of an area by destroying, capturing, or driving out any enemy that may occupy it.*

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# Training and defense issue awareness

Conferences  
related to Defense



Collect project and internship  
proposals for students

Promoting open innovation for the armed forces

Help IP Paris students  
and researchers to have  
a **better knowledge** of  
defense issues



*The scientist, the sovereign, and the soldier:  
major questions in world politics*

World politics training



*World politics in historical perspective:  
great powers and international relations  
in the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> centuries*



Production and broadcast of a **video podcast**

Challenge – Engineering - Defense innovation

# Swarm-rescue competition

## Student Challenge: Control a swarm of drones for rescue missions!

Rules

- Search & Rescue: Finding and rescuing injured people
- Simplified simulation, but realistic problems
- 10 drones with GPS, camera, communications

2022-2023 edition



- ✓ 6 teams in the final
- ✓ Winner: SupAero

2023-2024 edition



- ✓ 10 teams in the final
- ✓ Winner: ENSTA

2024-2025 edition



- ✓ First international expansion
- ✓ French and Indian finals!
- ✓ 10 teams in the final (7 FR + 3 IND)

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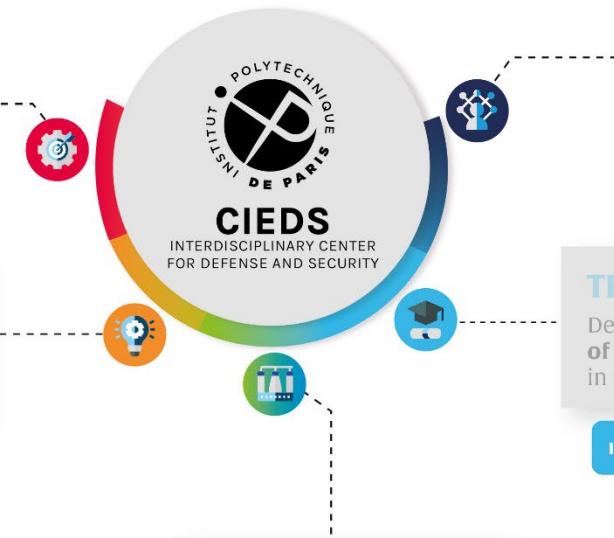
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# A teaching and research Chair – Complex Systems Architecture

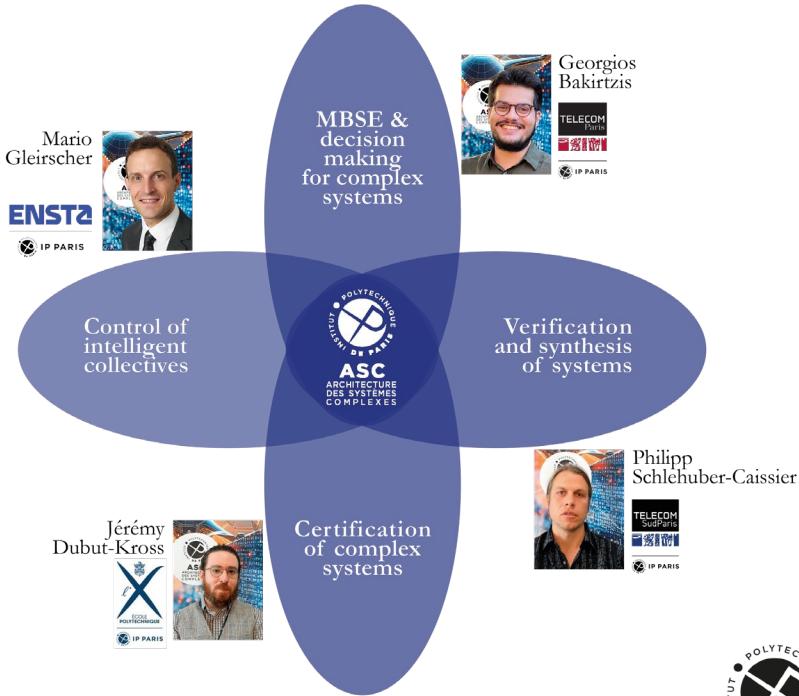
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researchers, students, industry  
professionals and operators in  
the defence sector.



« The ambitious objective is to follow the education improvements on complex systems architecture and to have a better anticipation of technological breakthroughs that may impact these architectures »



Launched  
on June 22<sup>th</sup>, 2023





# OPERATION CIEDS annual workshop

A day for exchanges between **researchers, industrials and military experts**

 Keynote & round-table on priority topics of Armed forces ministry

 4 workshops on innovative scientific topics

 40 posters & best poster award

 20 partner stands including dual startups

**2023 – 1<sup>st</sup> édition**

**230** participants



**2024 – 2<sup>nd</sup> édition**

**320** participants



**2025 – 3<sup>rd</sup> édition**

**430** participants



# Thanks for your attention

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