

# Project Q Secures €7.5 Million Seed Funding to Advance “Internet of Defense” Platform

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**Project Q, a German defense-tech innovator, today announced it has successfully closed a €7.5 million seed funding round. This significant investment, led by early-stage venture capital firm Project A, with participation from Expeditions Fund and Superangel, will accelerate the development and deployment of Project Q’s transformative Q-Open Source Platform (Q-OSP) and its “Internet of Defense” (IoD) approach.**

The secured capital will be instrumental in expanding Project Q’s engineering team, further refining its core technology, and initiating crucial pilot projects with European armed forces and security agencies. The Q-OSP is engineered to deliver real-time intelligence by seamlessly integrating diverse data sources and advanced AI tools across various operational domains.

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## A Software-Defined Approach to Enhance Modern Defense Capabilities

Project Q is pioneering a modular, cost-effective methodology to provide superior situational awareness in mission-critical environments. Its groundbreaking IoD approach is designed to adapt commercial technology into interoperable, military-grade systems for defense and security applications.

The Q-OSP serves as the company’s foundational integration layer, enabling disparate sensors, legacy infrastructure, and third-party datasets to function cohesively. By leveraging artificial intelligence to connect these systems, Project Q offers a flexible platform that significantly reduces deployment times and

enhances decision-making capabilities for defense personnel.

“Modern defense necessitates faster innovation cycles and the transformation of siloed systems into an integrated network that can be leveraged on a European scale,” stated **Leonard Wessendorff, CEO & Co-Founder of Project Q**.

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## Addressing Data Fragmentation Amidst Evolving Warfare

Uwe Horstmann, General Partner at Project A, highlighted the increasing complexity in modern military operations. “Since the war in Ukraine, Western militaries have significantly ramped up their adoption of unmanned systems, from UAVs to UGVs and beyond. But more hardware means more data, more sensors, and more fragmentation,” he commented. “What Leonard and his team at Q are building is a game changer: a unified platform that fuses data across domains, integrates seamlessly with legacy infrastructure, and enables modern defense technologies to actually operate as a coherent system. It’s the kind of deep tech that turns complexity into capability.”

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## Bridging Civilian and Military Technologies for European Sovereignty

Founded in 2024, Project Q was established with the strategic objective of bolstering Europe’s technological sovereignty by converting existing capabilities into field-ready defense solutions. The company’s leadership team brings a unique blend of expertise spanning military operations, artificial intelligence, and government procurement, positioning them to navigate the complexities of the defense sector effectively.

By prioritizing rapid integration and deployment, Project Q is poised to become a pivotal player in Europe’s evolving defense landscape. Its early engagement with public sector stakeholders underscores the increasing demand for agile platforms that can quickly adapt to dynamic operational requirements.

“We’re excited to be partnering with such renowned and likeminded investors who support our mission to strengthen Europe’s technological sovereignty in the security and defense sector through scalable and interoperable solutions,” added Wessendorff.

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**About Project Q** Project Q is dedicated to building the digital infrastructure for Europe’s next-generation defense and security systems. Its Internet of Defense (IoD) framework and Q-OSP platform facilitate the rapid integration of data across various sensors, systems, and platforms. The company focuses on delivering scalable, mission-relevant intelligence systems that address gaps in situational awareness and operational performance for defense and security entities.

**About the Investors** **Project A** is a leading European early-stage venture capital firm with €1.2 billion in assets under management. Its diverse portfolio includes companies such as Trade Republic, Quantum Systems, and ARX Robotics. **Superangel** is an early-stage investment fund that also supports the launch of Archangel, Europe's defense-first VC fund, combining deep mission knowledge with a strong track record in European defense tech.