

**Question for written answer E-004573/2015  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Plans for a European army

The President of the European Commission recently expressed his desire to form a European army in order to underline the legitimacy of the European Union's foreign policy, as well as to defend the values of Europe on an international level.

1. Does the Commission intend to put forward measures to equip the EU with an authoritative armed force? What is the current situation as regards European integration in a military context?
2. Although there are already European military forces (EU tactical groups), they have never been deployed. Why not?
3. Does the Commission intend to take measures to boost integration of European armed forces and in turn to streamline military spending and bolster the effectiveness of our armed forces?