

**Question for written answer E-008264/2015  
to the Commission**

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Subject: European naval sector

At the start of 2015, the European Defence Agency awarded a contract for studying and analysing the European naval industry and sector to a consortium comprising the European shipyards Navantia, DCNS, DAMEN, BAE and TKMS.

This award coincides with a decline in the awarding of shipbuilding contracts to European shipyards; currently, more vessels are being built and more contracts awarded in Asia.

Months after the awarding of the contract, has it been possible to reach a conclusion about the current state of the European naval sector?

Is the Commission thinking of offering any solution in the face of the European naval sector's loss of hegemony?

Does the Commission believe a common naval policy should be applied to recover lost market share, thereby securing thousands of jobs in European shipyards?