

**Question for written answer E-009629/2015
to the Commission**
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Subject: Conflicts of interest in the allocation of aid to pseudo-military research

The group of experts evaluating the current Secure Societies section of the Horizon 2020 research programme includes bodies with either direct or indirect links with private security and defence firms that received subsidies under the previous FP7 programme while they formed part of the group of experts. As was denounced by numerous people at the time, this constitutes a clear conflict of interest, given that the same companies contributing to the definition of the European research agenda were applying to receive funds derived from that agenda.

What specific mechanisms has the Commission established, as part of the Horizon 2020 programme, to avoid the reoccurrence of such incidents?