

**Question for written answer E-011757/2015/rev.1  
to the Council**

Rule 130

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Subject: Widening the mandate and increasing the numerical strength of EU battlegroups (EUBGs)

In the face of the increasing threats and the intensification of military activity beyond the EU's eastern border, and acknowledging the decision to enhance the battle-worthiness of EUBG troops by forming a Nordic battlegroup in 2015, I have the following questions about further steps to increase the strength and widen the mandate of EU armed forces:

- Is the Council intending to broaden the mandate for EUBG action, in particular as regards territorial range and the possibilities for redeployment should action prove necessary?
- Is the Council intending to increase the number of troops assigned to European battlegroups, and to form additional contingents with a focus on areas along the EU's eastern borders?
- Is the Council planning on or considering providing heavy equipment for eastern groups on a permanent basis?