

**Question for written answer E-009164/2016  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Strengthening Europe's defence capacity

The idea of strengthening Europe's defence capacity and gradually establishing a common defence policy (Article 28(a)(2) TEU) requires, first and foremost, bringing spending on defence policy up to the level required of NATO member countries. Currently, only some Member States are meeting those obligations.

Will the Commission encourage Member States to increase spending on defence and assess their spending in this area during its periodic financial and budgetary policy reviews?