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Subject: Creation of a European army and a common European defence

President Donald Trump's statements about the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) being obsolete raise questions about the future of European defence. Before taking up his duties as the EU's chief negotiator for Brexit, Michel Barnier was appointed by Jean-Claude Juncker as the Commission's special adviser on security and defence issues. That appointment came following European elections where the EPP, which emerged victorious from the campaign, had put forward plans for a more integrated defence at EU level and floated the idea of a common army. That would amount to something more developed than the armed forces of Europe.

1. Where does the creation of a European army come among President Juncker's top 10 priorities?
2. What will the Commission's official position be on Donald Trump's statements concerning the end of NATO?