

**Question for written answer E-007496/2017  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Pilot Project on 'defence research' and arrangements in relation to Intellectual Property Rights (IPR)

Under the current Pilot Project on defence research (budget line 02 04 77 02), the IPR rules have been defined and detailed in Annex I of the call for proposals (dated 13 May 2016). However, the call for proposals also states that: 'Regarding the IPR arrangements of the projects, a case by case approach shall be adopted with negotiations with the participants taking place before the award'.

1. Could the Commission explain whether the general EU framework of IPR rules has been fully respected for each of the three projects awarded funding? If not, could the Commission provide the details of the specific IPR rules that might have been negotiated and adapted for each of the three projects awarded funding?
2. With reference to the results generated, can the Commission certify that it has the means to stop any transfer of ownership or licencing to a non-EU entity (Annex I, point 7.3, last paragraph)? In other words, is the Commission's opinion legally binding on the entity concerned? If not, how can the Commission guarantee that such transfers or licencing outside EU territory of results generated through EU funding will not take place?