

**Question for written answer E-007815/2017
to the Commission**

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Subject: Purchase of American missiles by Romania and Poland and 400 000 jobs at risk in the French defence sector

On 26 September 2017, Emmanuel Macron proclaimed that 'historic progress' had been made over recent months on matters regarding European defence¹. In the meantime, the Commission has announced the launch of a fund with an annual budget of around EUR 500 million².

Two months later, the Romanian and Polish governments concluded, respectively, a four billion³ and ten billion dollar⁴ purchase of American missiles. It must be remembered that Romania receives EUR 4 billion and Poland receives EUR 10 billion in net contributions from the EU⁵, which are funded by French and other taxpayers, not to mention the fact that Europe manufactures its own Thalès and MBDA missiles⁶! While these countries are naturally at liberty to ensure their defences, why are they using European taxpayers' money to favour American industry and workers at the expense of our own?

Was the Commission apprised in advance of these purchases?

What measures will the Commission take to encourage Member States to buy from European suppliers?

¹ <http://www.elysee.fr/declarations/article/initiative-pour-l-europe-discours-d-emmanuel-macron-pour-une-europe-souveraine-unie-democratique/>

² <https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/regdoc/rep/1/2017/FR/COM-2017-295-F1-FR-MAIN-PART-1.PDF>

³ <http://www.latribune.fr/entreprises-finance/industrie/aeronautique-defense/defense-la-roumanie-offre-4-milliards-de-dollars-aux-etats-unis-pour-le-systeme-patriot-758777.html>

⁴ <http://www.zonebourse.com/RAYTHEON-14299/actualite/Raytheon-Vers-la-vente-de-missiles-Patriot-a-la-Pologne-25528767/>

⁵ http://www.europarl.europa.eu/external/html/budgetataglande/default_fr.html#romania

⁶ <http://www.opex360.com/2017/07/12/la-roumanie-opte-pour-le-systeme-americain-patriot-pour-sa-defense-aerienne/#tszQQDJkAJqZYP3Y.99>