

**Question for written answer E-007933/2017**  
**to the Council**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Selection criteria for projects under Permanent Structured Cooperation

On 13 November 2017, 23 Member States signed a joint notification on Permanent Structured Cooperation (PESCO) in the field of security and defence policy. This cooperation framework will enable Member States to work together to develop defence capabilities and invest in joint projects.

The Council adopted the decision to establish PESCO on 11 December 2017. Among other things, the decision outlines 17 joint projects - which focus in particular on training, capability development and operational readiness - to be reviewed and developed within the PESCO framework. The list of projects should be definitively adopted by the participating Member States in early 2018.

Almost 50 projects have been presented by Member States since discussions on the establishment of PESCO in the defence field began.

What criteria did the Council use to select the 17 projects? What time frame will it set for the implementation of the projects?