

**Question for written answer P-004460/2015
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Proposal by the Commission President for the setting-up of a common European army

In an interview with the German newspaper Welt am Sonntag, the President of the Commission, Jean-Claude Juncker, proposed that a unified European Union army should be set up. The Commission President stressed that a common European army would not compete with the NATO military alliance, but rather reinforce it. Bearing in mind Russia's aggression against Ukraine, the issue of security in Europe's Member States, particularly along the eastern border, is particularly topical at present. It is intended that the issue should be discussed at the European Council in June, at a meeting devoted to defence questions, but because it is a burning issue, I would request a clarification of the Commission's plans with regard to the proposal by Jean-Claude Juncker.

What measures would the Commission have to take to establish a common European Union army?

How would the Commission ensure that a common European army did not compete with NATO and that their functions did not overlap?

What impact would the establishment of a European army have on the security situation in EU Member States on the Union's eastern border?