

**Question for written answer E-002967/2014
to the Commission**
Rule 117
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Subject: EU Member States arming the Russian Army and Navy

On 5 March 2014, tests began in France on a modern Mistral-class warship constructed for the Russian navy. Moscow has ordered two such ships and has the option of purchasing another two. One of the first ships is to form part of the Black Sea Fleet. What is more, arms deliveries to the Russian Army are mainly flowing from France, and this is going on with the approval of Germany and Italy, both of which are profiting from their cooperation in this area.

The systematic strengthening of Russia's military potential is a matter of no small concern to those countries that fear aggression from that country. Against the backdrop of the still tense situation on the Ukraine-Russia border and the EU's pledge to provide Ukraine with political and economic support:

1. Does the Commission feel that the aforementioned instances of arms being supplied to Russia are in accordance with current EU policy towards Russia?
2. Does the Commission plan to take steps against countries engaging in military cooperation with Russia with a view to limiting or halting such cooperation?
3. Has the Commission passed on – or does it intend to pass on – any concerns that it might have on this matter to the Council?