

**Question for written answer E-010865/2015
to the Commission**
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Subject: EU funding for Elbit Systems

The EU-Israel Association Agreement is the main treaty on relations between the two countries. As part of this agreement, the EU-Israel action plan sets out Israel's participation in EU programmes such as Horizon 2020.

The eligibility of Israeli entities for EU funds and financial instruments is in principle regulated by EU guidelines involving an obligation to respect international law when it awards funds. In this context, the EU has already approved 205 projects with Israeli participation within the framework of the Horizon 2020 research cycle.

As actions financed under Horizon 2020 should be in conformity with any legal obligation, including international law, how does the Commission explain the financial assistance awarded to Elbit Systems, one of Israel's biggest military companies and a major producer of drones involved in the construction of the Wall and the settlements.

Is the Commission considering revising current EU guidelines regulating the eligibility of Israel entities for EU funding schemes?