

**Question for written answer E-006305/2017
to the Council**

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Subject: PESCO work on the eastern flank of Europe

The Council Conclusions of June 2017 state that the work of PESCO has to be consistent with Member States' national defence planning and with the commitments agreed within NATO and the UN by Member States concerned. The European Political Strategy Centre, which operates within the Commission, envisaged the first possible PESCO initiatives, including the organisation of joint military training, the creation of a common operational headquarters in Brussels, and the harmonisation of national military training programmes.

How does the Council intend to ensure synergy between PESCO and NATO efforts so that there is no conflict with or duplication of NATO tasks? How are PESCO actions supposed to support NATO efforts on the eastern flank of Europe in the event that the borders of the European Union come under threat?