

**Question for written answer E-006673/2020/rev.1
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Idea of a 28th EU army

The working group on Security and Defence Policy of the SPD Group in the Bundestag is calling for the establishment of a joint '28th EU army', which would be directly subordinated to the Commission.

1. Is the Commission aware that the establishment of another army would weaken the already under-financed national armed forces even more than is already the case?
2. Is the Commission prepared to endanger the national security of the EU's citizens as a result of a lack of resources for individual armed forces, those 27 armies which would be weakened by the establishment of another army?
3. Does the Commission think it is right for Ms von der Leyen, in the light of her dubious and controversial performance for the German army and Ministry of Defence, to oversee another army with a broader area of responsibility?