

**Question for written answer E-001211/2021
to the Commission**

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Subject: New EU civil-military cooperation projects

As part of its Action Plan on synergies between the civil, defence and space industries, the Commission intends to promote a framework for a 'civil-military-related ship building industry'; and enhance 'civil-military cooperation on maritime Search And Rescue'. One of the three 'flagship projects' aims to improve the competitiveness of EU industry through the 'automation of drone traffic' under the EU drone strategy 2.0. Much like the 'Space Data Highway', a communication system involving satellites in near-Earth orbit is to be developed.

1. What measures does the Commission intend to take to promote the 'civil-military-related ship building industry' and to improve 'civil-military cooperation on maritime Search And Rescue'?
2. How will the competitiveness of EU industry be improved through the 'automation of drone traffic' in the context of the EU drone strategy 2.0?
3. What will be the specific features of the communication system, which includes satellites in near-Earth orbit and which is supposed to complement Galileo/EGNOS and Copernicus as a further EU satellite system?