

**Question for written answer E-002150/2022**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 138  
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Subject: Support for procurement of common defence equipment

On Wednesday 18 May, the Commission and the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy issued a joint communication on defence investment gaps and measures to address them. In that document, they propose funding to incentivise Member States to jointly procure defence equipment.

Does the Commission intend to uphold countries' sovereignty over the production and supply of military equipment, or is it looking to promote a European defence policy that overrides nation states?