

**Question for written answer E-003504/2022
to the Commission**
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Subject: Loans to defence industry

An increasing number of people in the German defence industry are raising their concerns about the fact that many companies are struggling to get loans from financial institutions and banks.

EU measures requiring 'sustainability' in lending have clearly directly and indirectly contributed to the issue.

Combined with banks' general reluctance to lend to arms companies, this creates a negative trend to the detriment of these enterprises.

Russia's illegitimate war of aggression against Ukraine has reminded us that well-equipped defence systems are crucial for the security of the EU and its partners.

1. Is the Commission aware of the problems in lending to arms companies?
2. In view of the current security situation, will it take measures to facilitate lending to arms companies?