

**Question for written answer E-001274/2023  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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**Subject:** European Defence Fund 2021 calls for proposals and results

The results of the first ever calls for proposals under the European Defence Fund (EDF) in 2021 have been published. Unfortunately, data on the allocation of EDF funding per company have only been partially published and it seems that further information on the supporting members of expert groups is not available, meaning that some parts of the procedure are not transparent or subject to public scrutiny.

1. Four of the largest EDF projects – ARTURO, ECOBALLIFE, EPC and EU HYDEF – are not included in the published database. Have the contracts for these projects already been signed and, if so, please could the Commission share the amount received by each participant in the projects? If not, could it confirm when the data will become available?
2. Can the Commission provide the list of members of the expert groups supporting it in the selection of EDF projects?
3. The calls for proposals for EDF 2021 were leaked prematurely, which was potentially in breach of rules ensuring fair competition and a level playing field. Has the Commission received complaints about this, and, if so, how has it dealt with them?

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