

**Question for written answer E-001275/2023  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Complaint against DG DEFIS regarding the selection of EDF projects

Last year the European missile manufacturer MBDA France filed a complaint against the Directorate-General for Defence Industry and Space (DG DEFIS) regarding the selection process for the European Defence Fund (EDF) European Hypersonic Defence Interceptor (EU HYDEF) project, which was awarded to the Spanish company Sener. MBDA is apparently leading a Permanent Structured Cooperation (PESCO) project called TWISTER aiming to develop a similar technology. Likewise, the firm Safran complained about the awarding of the 'Novel Energy and propulsion systems for Air dominance' (NEUMANN) project to the Italian company GE Avio. It has called for the decision to be overturned.

1. What were the reasons for the Commission's decision to select the Spanish and Italian proposals rather than the French ones?
2. How has the Commission responded to these complaints?

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