

**Question for written answer E-001276/2023  
to the Commission**

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Subject: EDF projects with autonomous functionality

Some of the projects selected in the first round of European Defence Fund proposals aim to develop advanced combat (EPC, FAMOUS2, EICACS) or defence and counterattack systems (EU HYDEF, ACHILE, EuroHAPS, COUNTERACT).

1. Do any of the EDF projects include disruptive technologies and if so, which ones in particular?
2. Do they include autonomous control or autonomous attack functionalities?
3. Do they include unmanned systems, systems (such as drone swarms) that can target and decide attacks without human control or systems that react autonomously to unexpected situations? If so, is there any guarantee that they will be assessed and verified by recognised independent non-military experts and ethics committees?

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