

**Question for written answer E-001899/2023  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: European Defence Fund - screening of companies

Article 136 of the Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union sets out the rules on exclusion criteria and decisions on exclusions by which the EU is bound.

Was Article 136 applied in the allocation of funding under the European Defence Fund 2021 Calls for Proposals so that entities were excluded from obtaining funds? If so, could the Commission provide an overview of how many times this has happened and provide the name of the entities concerned and the reasons given in each instance?

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