

**Question for written answer E-003184/2023
to the Commission**

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Subject: Israel's access to EU funds under Horizon 2020

The aim of the Horizon 2020 initiative is to increase scientific knowledge, develop technologies to make the EU more competitive, and carry out research on topics that affect European citizens, such as health, food and climate. The initiative has provided EUR 1.28 billion to Israeli companies and universities. These EU funds finance bodies whose research contributes to Israel's war strategy, including Tel Aviv University, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and the Israel Institute of Technology. The major Israeli arms companies also receive EU funding: Elbit Systems manufactures drones, white phosphorus and cluster bombs (which are banned), while IAI manufactures drones that are vital for maintaining the siege of Gaza.

The EU is providing two-fold support for Israel's war industry: it funds its R&D and it buys the weapons it develops, after they are tested in Palestine.

In view of the above:

1. In the Commission's view, how does Israel's military and technological research contribute to the competitiveness, health and security of European citizens?
2. Following Israel's recent violations of international law, does the Commission intend to prevent Israel from accessing these funds?
3. Can it confirm how many military research projects in Israel have been funded by Horizon 2020?

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