

**Question for written answer E-003644/2023
to the Commission**

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Subject: European Defence Fund EPIIC air combat project: enhanced pilot interfaces and interactions for fighter cockpits

The EPIIC project received funding of EUR 75 million from the European Defence Fund. It will focus on new air power capabilities and officially seeks to help ensure the air dominance of European defence forces. It will design enhanced pilot interfaces and interaction systems for fighter cockpits.

Can the Commission clarify:

1. Which tasks are planned to be performed automatically, and which high value tasks will continue to be under the pilot's direct control?
2. Whether the project will ensure that pilots will be able to keep track of ethical and legal aspects of their actions while managing complex situations and focusing on 'combat effectiveness' and if so, how?
3. What specific artificial intelligence (AI) technologies will be included in the adaptive human machine interaction and the innovative virtual assistant interaction and how will these new human-machine cooperation tools help ensure European defence forces' air dominance?

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