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Subject: European Defence Fund FAMOUS2 project: design of interoperable ground combat

armoured vehicles, including prototypes and testing

The European Defence Fund is driving the militarisation of the EU economy by offering billions to the military-industrial complex. Transparency with regard to the projects selected and funded leaves a lot to be desired, to say the least. Transparency and civil society organisations are rightly worried about this situation.

The FAMOUS2 project (2023-2026), for example, with funding of EUR 94.8 million, will enhance all-terrain vehicles (AVTs), light armoured vehicles (LAVs) and main battle tanks (MBTs) through developments and upgrades. Given the amount of public financial support, more technical details should be made available.

Can the Commission clarify:

- 1. What specific uses of artificial intelligence (AI) are planned to be implemented for all-terrain vehicles, light armoured vehicles and main battle tanks?
- 2. Whether the project includes the design, building and testing of novel unmanned armoured vehicles?
- 3. What kind of green technologies the project includes?

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