

Question for written answer E-000389/2024

to the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy

Rule 138

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Subject: Member States' defence investment policies

In May 2022, the Commission published an analysis of existing gaps in Member States' defence investment policies. This analysis came at the request of European heads of state following the Versailles meeting in March 2022 and was also a concrete initiative under the EU Strategic Compass. It aimed to make future European defence spending as effective as possible.

1. Can the VP/HR provide an overview of the extent to which Member States have since followed up on this analysis when investing in defence policies?
2. Has the call for medium- to long-term joint development of new capabilities such as the 'Eurodrone' or the modernisation of European anti-access/area denial systems already been acted upon?

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