

**Question for written answer E-000896/2024
to the Commission**

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Subject: Commissioner for defence

Commission President Ursula von der Leyen has announced plans for a defence commissioner post in the next Commission.

1. Is an additional commissioner post to be created or will the defence portfolio be taken on by one of the existing 27 Commissioners?
2. Does the Commission intend to change the Treaties in order to secure greater defence powers for the Union?
3. Precisely what responsibilities would fall to a commissioner for defence? Would their remit include active offensive operations?

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