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*Committee on Industry, Research and Energy*

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## **OPINION**

of the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy

for the Committee on Foreign Affairs

on a European Security Research Programme (ESRP)  
(2004/2171(INI))

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## SUGGESTIONS

The Committee on Industry, Research and Energy calls on the Committee on Foreign Affairs, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following suggestions in its motion for a resolution:

1. Underlines the public-interest nature of all aspects relating to security research, and accordingly calls for the programmes and projects in this field to be given sufficient stability and for the budgetary allocation to be linked to the trend in gross domestic product, so as to secure the greatest possible continuity over time and the best results;
2. Supports the Commission's intention (as expressed in COM(2004)0590) to establish a European Security Research Programme (ESRP), commencing in 2007, as an independent specific research programme with its own set of procedures (i.e. adapted to confidentiality requirements), rules of participation, contracts and financial instruments within the 7th Framework Programme of Community Research; calls on the Commission to take into account that security research is a new research area for the programme which should be financed in addition to the planned doubling of funds under the 7th Framework Programme; nevertheless encourages the Commission to further clarify the basic objectives and concrete implementation of the programme, and to further specify the priority level of this programme in comparison with the other programmes;
3. Calls for the ESRP to be allocated sufficient funding in accordance with the recommendations of the Group of Personalities (GoP) amounting to EUR 1 billion annually in addition to all current Community, national or intergovernmental funding; calls on the Commission to act in order to ensure that equal opportunity to collaborate in the European Security Research Programme will be offered to all Member States; stresses that funding of the ESRP should not lead to a reduction in funding levels in other areas of Community research which are vital for the security and safety of Europe's citizens and of the world at large;
4. Advocates, parallel to technology-driven research, a focus on the development of common modelling and threat intelligence capabilities, utilising the comparative advantages enjoyed by Member States in every given instance;
5. Recommends that the future European security research programme includes among its priorities the fight against terrorism, territorial monitoring, civil defence, control of the Union's external frontiers, and other areas in which Community action can provide added value without entering into conflict with the competences of the Member States;
6. Calls on the Commission to build on the experience gained in the first call for proposals as part of the preparatory action in order to confirm the priority areas; believes greater attention should be paid to research into public acceptance of security research and to handling of classified data in order to allow more extensive exchange of such data between Member States;
7. Calls for a 'European Security Advisory Board' with responsibility for defining the

strategic lines of action for the ESRP, giving advice on the principles and mechanisms of implementation as well as carrying out analysis of the areas of technology in which the EU should strive to set up its own competitive capabilities without delay; requests that the advisory board could be open also to representatives of all Member States and composed of high-ranking experts from public and private clientele, industry, research institutions and other important interest groups, with smaller businesses represented as well;

8. Calls on the Commission to present to the Parliament the strategic lines of action, as well as the advice received on principles and mechanisms of implementation, the specific proposals concerning participation, types of contracts and financing instruments for research activities within the ESRP, and the necessary arrangements on intellectual property and technology transfer worked out together with the Advisory Board for Security Research without delay;
9. Calls on the Member States, in consultation with the European Parliament, to define clearly the precise tasks of the European Defence Agency (EDA) in the fields of research and technology so as to prevent a duplication of effort and optimise the contribution of dual-use research, in order to ensure an efficient and effective relationship between the ESRP and the EDA;
10. Calls on the Commission to build on the report ‘Research for a Secure Europe’ published by the Group of Personalities in the field of Security Research and on the final report of the Panel of Experts on Space and Security, to extend to national satellite initiatives the kind of cooperation and collaboration in security research that is necessary in order to maximise the capacity of civilian, military and dual-use systems and to meet the operational needs and requirements of the Union;
11. Reiterates its view that the measures proposed in the communication of the Commission ‘European Defence and Industrial Market Issues – Towards an EU Defence Policy’ significantly contribute to more competitiveness among firms in the security sector and support the development of a market for security products and systems, and that their unrestricted implementation can increase utility maximisation;
12. Invites the Commissioner responsible to report to the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy before implementation of the ESRP.

## PROCEDURE

<b>Title</b>	European Security Research Programme (ESRP)
<b>Procedure number</b>	2004/2171(INI)
<b>Committee responsible</b>	AFET
<b>Committee asked for its opinion</b> Date announced in plenary	ITRE 18.11.2004
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<b>Drafts(wo)man</b> Date appointed	Philippe Busquin 24.11.2004
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<b>Result of final vote</b>	for: 37 against: 5 abstentions: 1
<b>Members present for the final vote</b>	Šarūnas Birutis, Jan Březina, Philippe Busquin, Jerzy Buzek, Joan Calabuig Rull, Jorgo Chatzimarkakis, Giles Chichester, Garrelt Duin, Lena Ek, Nicole Fontaine, Adam Gierek, Umberto Guidoni, András Gyürk, David Hammerstein Mintz, Rebecca Harms, Ján Hudacký, Romana Jordan Cizelj, Pia Elda Locatelli, Eluned Morgan, Angelika Niebler, Pier Antonio Panzeri, Miloslav Ransdorf, Vladimír Remek, Herbert Reul, Teresa Riera Madurell, Paul Rübig, Andres Tarand, Patrizia Toia, Claude Turmes, Nikolaos Vakalis, Alejo Vidal-Quadras Roca, Dominique Vlasto
<b>Substitutes present for the final vote</b>	Etelka Barsi-Pataky, Avril Doyle, Jan Christian Ehler, Norbert Glante, Cristina Gutiérrez-Cortines, Lambert van Nistelrooij, Francisca Pleguezuelos Aguilar, Vittorio Prodi, John Purvis, Bernhard Rapkay, Manuel António dos Santos
<b>Substitutes under Rule 178(2) present for the final vote</b>	