

**Priority question for written answer P-001186/2023
to the Commission**

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Subject: Three-step plan for ammunition manufacturing

The German news magazine *Spiegel* reports that the Commission has a three-step plan to manufacture more ammunition. Among other things, they report that more weapons will be sent to Ukraine, that ammunition will be purchased jointly, and that European ammunition manufacturing capacities are to be bolstered in the long term. This raises a number of questions:

1. To what extent are these plans compatible with the European Community's original objective of maintaining peace in Europe?
2. Does the Commission anticipate that the EU will be needing the ammunition for itself, or is the ammunition to be purchased and manufactured only to support wars in other countries?
3. To what extent are these plans compatible with the neutrality of some Member States, such as Austria?

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