

**Question for written answer E-003012/2025  
to the Commission**  
Rule 144  
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**Subject:** Access to the technologies and intellectual property rights of third-country participants in projects funded by the European Defence Fund

Investigate Europe and Reporters United have revealed that the European Defence Fund is subsidising Intracom Defense, a Greek company. However, according to Intracom's financial reports, since 2023 it has actually been controlled by Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI), an Israeli state-owned company, which holds 94.5 % of its shares and 100 % of its voting rights<sup>1</sup>.

The technologies and results of EU projects could thus end up in the hands of a government-owned company of a third country. The Commission's response was that the projects could not be controlled by, or transferred to, a third-country government, neither while they were in progress nor after they had ended<sup>2</sup>.

1. Does this ban apply to non-EU public companies, such as IAI, which are owned or controlled by the government of a third country?
2. Intracom is currently developing technologies as part of the ACTUS project. Given that Intracom is controlled by IAI, a non-EU state-owned company, can the Commission guarantee that the latter has absolutely no access to the technologies developed, and if so, how is it able to give that guarantee?
3. Who will own the intellectual property rights for the results of the ACTUS project?

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.investigate-europe.eu/posts/european-defence-fund-millions-benefiting-israeli-state-owned-drone-manufacturer>

<sup>2</sup> <https://agenceurope.eu/fr/bulletin/article/13657/18>