

**Question for written answer E-003467/2025
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Awarding of European public funds to the Israeli military industry under Horizon Europe

On 30 August 2025, the Irish Times reported that large sums of EU public funds have been awarded to Israeli military companies and Israel's Ministry of Defence through Horizon Europe. Examples include: Xtend (a company contracted by Israel's Ministry of Defence) receiving EUR 50 000 in a grant from the Horizon Europe programme for the purposes of developing the Skylord drone system; Rafael Advanced Defense Systems being awarded EUR 442 750 as part of a consortium to develop 'underwater security surveillance to deter intruders'; and the Israeli Ministry of Defence being awarded EUR 100 000 as part of the same Horizon Europe project.

Horizon Europe funding is only permitted for research with civilian applications. Therefore, will the Commission:

1. demand reimbursement of the funds awarded to these companies?
2. improve due diligence in respect of funding under Horizon Europe to ensure that no public money is awarded in contravention of the rules regarding civilian application?
3. exclude Israel from Horizon Europe and its successors to ensure that no public money is awarded to weapons companies who are actively complicit in Israel's genocide in Gaza?

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