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Subject: Military Schengen: risk of eroding sovereignty, weakening borders and pushing the EU towards hidden federalism

As the Commission pushes forward with its ‘Military Schengen’ initiative, crucial doubts are emerging: is it enhancing Europe’s defence or leading a drift towards hidden federalism that centralises military authority and weakens national control over borders, infrastructure and strategic decisions? Therefore, we ask:

1. If the Military Schengen imposes uniform deadlines and shared procedures and digital platforms, how much real control would Member States retain over the entry, movement and purpose of foreign forces on their soil, and could such harmonisation become a quiet transfer of authority that reshapes military sovereignty without transparent democratic consent?
2. By concentrating sensitive data in an EU-wide system, what risks arise for cyber intrusion, operational privacy and the integrity of national critical infrastructure, and how can the Commission ensure that emergencies or geopolitical pressure do not become excuses to override constitutional safeguards, internal mobility limits or border-control powers?
3. How can Member States maintain accountability and democratic oversight while participating in a system that encourages deeper integration of military operations, and what mechanisms could prevent the erosion of national decision-making in defence and security matters?

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