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to the Commission**

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Subject: Nuclear technology and Horizon Europe

The European Innovation Council (EIC) Accelerator programme is the only part of Horizon Europe that supports research on nuclear technology and its use.

According to the Council of the EU, the omnibus package will amend five key EU programmes, including Horizon Europe and the European Defence Fund, in order to provide ‘more support for dual-use and defence companies’<sup>1</sup>. Israel is one of the countries considered to be an ‘associated country’ in Horizon Europe and is actively participating in European Defence Fund projects. It is treated like an EU Member State as regards eligibility.

Sightec, a manufacturer of AI navigation technology for drones, received almost EUR 2.5 million from the EU. Its CEO, Roy Shmuel, stated on LinkedIn that Sightec technology was ‘combat-proven and deployed on over 3 000 drones in critical missions’<sup>2</sup>, publicly admitting that this technology is also used for military purposes.

Nevertheless, Israel is not a signatory to the Non-Proliferation Treaty or Euratom.

Given these facts, what measures is the Commission taking to manage proliferation risks associated with Israel’s development of nuclear technology and materials?

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2025/12/18/council-adopts-measures-to-incentivise-and-simplify-defence-investments-in-the-eu/>.

<sup>2</sup> [https://www.linkedin.com/posts/roy-shmuel-78324b6\\_gpsfree-visualnavigation-electronicwarfare-activity-7362144414355374082-huua](https://www.linkedin.com/posts/roy-shmuel-78324b6_gpsfree-visualnavigation-electronicwarfare-activity-7362144414355374082-huua).