

Question for written answer E-001963/2026
to the Commission
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Subject: Government and EU overseeing the integration of higher educational institutions into Greece's war involvement through war research

In a period of adjustment towards the 'war economy', the alignment of science and research with the pursuits of the capitalist economy is being strengthened, in order to shield EU capital against the possibility of a generalised imperialist war.

In its interim evaluation of 'Horizon Europe', the EU allocated a huge amount of money to research aimed at developing 'dual-use' technologies, while the strategy will be expanded in the new 'Horizon Europe 2028-2034' programme.

Greek universities and research centres are being transformed into branches of the war industry: the research centres 'Demokritos', 'CERTH' and 'FORTH' are participating in the NATO DIANA programme; we have the NTUA involved in 21 projects for military purposes funded by the EDF and 'Horizon Europe'; the 'UnderSec' programme in which the University of West Attica and the Hellenic Mediterranean University are collaborating with the Israeli Ministry of Defence; and the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and Panteion taking on the role of war propagandist.

In view of the above:

1. What is the Commission's position on the fact that the shift to a war economy and the Preparedness Union are turning infrastructure and human knowledge into a pawn of imperialist competition, aligning the funding of research and scientific programmes with the pursuit of strengthening the EU's war industry, while cutting back on research in areas that could substantially improve the living conditions of the people?
2. What is the Commission's position on the request to disengage universities and research centres from war preparations, by stopping all military war programmes and ensuring state funding for research focused on the needs of the people?

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