

**Question for written answer E-003595/2026  
to the Commission**  
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**Subject:** European defence readiness by 2030

In its review published on 3 September 2026, the European Court of Auditors (ECA) considers that, despite the significant increase in defence spending and the initiatives undertaken at EU level, achieving full European defence readiness by 2030 and independently sustaining high-intensity military operations will remain challenging.

The ECA notably highlights the persistent fragmentation of capability planning, and industrial and technological dependencies, as well as bottlenecks affecting supply chains and military mobility. It also stresses the risk that higher defence spending may not automatically translate into more coherent European capabilities.

In this context:

1. Does the Commission share the ECA's assessment that the EU may not fully achieve its defence readiness objectives by 2030, and what additional measures does the Commission intend to take to ensure that increased defence spending translates into more common European capabilities, greater interoperability and strategic autonomy, rather than further fragmentation of national investments?
2. How does the Commission intend to strengthen the coordination of European capability planning and ensure better alignment between EU funding and national defence expenditure?
3. Given the needs identified in the area of military mobility, does the Commission consider the funding currently proposed for the 2028-2034 period sufficient?

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