

Question for written answer E-004145/2026
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Subject: Qualitative Military Edge (QME) programme

In her 2025 State of the Union address, Commission President Ursula von der Leyen announced the creation of a Qualitative Military Edge (QME) programme to support investment in Ukraine's military capabilities. In accordance with the Commission's 2026 work programme, the initiative was due to be presented in the first quarter of 2026. Despite this deadline, the programme has not yet been presented.

Given that the long-term strengthening of Ukraine's defence capabilities contributes to enhancing the security of NATO's eastern flank and of the European Union as a whole, and taking into account the existing EU support instruments, it is important to obtain more detailed information on the objectives of the QME programme, its planned scope and its links with existing defence funding and cooperation mechanisms.

In light of the above:

1. What stage has been reached in the work on the QME programme, what are the reasons for the delay in its presentation, and when does the Commission expect to announce it?
2. Will the QME be a separate initiative, including new actions and funding mechanisms, or will it operate primarily by coordinating and using existing EU instruments?
3. Is the Commission carrying out consultations with Member States, the Ukrainian authorities and defence industry representatives on the design of the QME programme and, if so, what is the scope of those consultations and what results have they produced so far?

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