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Answer given by President von der Leyen
on behalf of the European Commission
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With respect to the Commission President von der Leyen's contacts with defence contractors since the European Parliament elections in June 2024, she hosted the first-ever Strategic Dialogue with the European defence industry¹ on 12 May 2025. Fifteen defence companies were represented at the meeting².

On 5 June 2025, the President hosted a working dinner with industry on tech and innovation, participants included Airbus, Frankenburg Technologies OÜ (FT), Isar Aerospace SE (ISAR), and NATO Innovation Fund (NIF).

President von der Leyen did receive invitations via email or correspondence to attend conferences on defence matters, which she had to decline due to prior commitments on her agenda. Additionally, she received congratulatory messages from some defence contractors on her re-election following the European Parliament elections in June 2024.

The Commission publishes information on meetings, including – since 1 January 2025 – minutes, held by President von der Leyen with, among others, defence industry representatives on the President's online public calendar³, the transparency register⁴ and through other channels of communication, including press releases and social media.

¹ https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/fr/read_25_1181.

² https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_25_1187.

³ <https://ec.europa.eu/transparencyinitiative/meetings/meeting.do?host=a2c7c963-a9ad-4c47-aa73-4bb46b06dd5d&page=1>.

⁴ https://transparency-register.europa.eu/search-register-or-update/search-register_en.