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**Question for written answer E-003689/25
to the Commission
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Subject: Plans to station EU troops in Ukraine at huge cost to the Member States

The latest debate on Ukraine policy, held on 9 September 2025, highlighted how the Commission's policy line so far leaves many questions unanswered and creates growing doubts. Ballooning costs and the risk of military escalation are giving the public cause to think twice.

Given that the Union was established for peace and there is now talk of an EU army and boots on the ground in a war, how does the Commission intend to show that it stands for peace if its policies actually contribute to the escalation of a war?

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**Answer given by Mr Kubilius on behalf of the European Commission
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In a debate in the European Parliament on 9 September 2025 ⁽¹⁾, the High Representative/Vice-President reiterated EU's commitment to security guarantees and a comprehensive, just and lasting peace for Ukraine.

Despite diplomatic efforts, Russia's illegal war of aggression continues and there are no signs that Russia's objectives to subjugate Ukraine has changed. The EU stands unwavering in its support of Ukraine, its sovereignty, and its right to chart its own future. Only by putting more pressure on Russia and supporting Ukraine, can Ukraine protect its interests-which align with those of the EU.

The EU remains steadfast in the support of Ukraine and its people: So far, the EU and its Member States have provided EUR 177.5 billion of assistance, including almost EUR 63.2 billion of military support.

Moreover, the EU provides training to Ukrainian soldiers through the EU Military Assistance Mission in support of Ukraine. According to the current mandate, all mission activities are located on EU soil. Member States contribute to the mission by offering training modules and personnel, with the equipment being funded through the European Peace Facility.

The Commission supports Member States effort in supporting Ukraine, a vital European security interest. It also fosters closer defence industrial cooperation between the EU and Ukraine, as well as common procurement of defence products to aid Ukrainian defence against Russia's illegal war of aggression. Through such gradual defence industrial integration, Ukraine, with its defence innovation, helps protect Europe as a whole.

⁽¹⁾ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/CRE-10-2025-09-09-ITM-002_EN.html.