

(English version)

**Question for written answer E-003822/25
to the Commission
Marc Botenga (The Left)
(1 October 2025)**

Subject: Ethical and legal safeguards for the Actus project funded by the European Defence Fund

In its answer to Parliamentary Question E-003011/2025 ⁽¹⁾, the Commission states that European Defence Fund (EDF) rules require the submission of guarantees, approved by the Member State of establishment, which ensure that a non-EU parent company cannot access sensitive information and that project results remain within the EU entity. This would mean that Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI), which holds 94.5% of the shares and 100% of the voting rights for Intracom Defense, would not have access to the military technology developed by Intracom Defense with EDF funding. However, the Commission still needs to answer these concrete questions:

1. What specific guarantees have been submitted to the Commission by the companies involved?
2. Has the agreement to those safeguards by both Intracom Defense and the Member State of establishment been recorded, and if so, where?
3. How often and with what methods has the Commission audited Intracom Defense or the Actus project to make sure that IAI does not have access to the technologies Intracom has developed?

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**Answer given by Mr Kūbilius on behalf of the European Commission
(15 December 2025)**

The guarantees that have been submitted to the Commission substantiated that: (i) control over the entity is not exercised in a manner that restricts its ability to implement the action or deliver results; (ii) access by the non-EU parent company to sensitive information is prevented with security measures applied where relevant; and (iii) ownership of intellectual property and results remain within the EU entity and is not subject to non-EU control or export without prior authorisation.

In line with the European Defence Fund (EDF) Regulation ⁽¹⁾, the guarantees were approved by the Member State of establishment of the non-EU controlled entity and the Commission has assessed them and concluded compliance with the EDF Regulation.

The measures to ensure compliance with the EDF Regulation have been recorded in the provided documents and are part of the grant file managed by the Commission.

The Commission holds the right to audit projects (until five years after the final payment), informs the European Anti-Fraud Office or the European Public Prosecutor's Office when it becomes aware of any suspected illegal activity, terminates grants or recovers funds in case of non-compliance.

At this stage, the implementation of the Advanced Capabilities and Certification of Tactical Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Systems (ACTUS) project proceeds in compliance with applicable rules.

Once cost claims will have been submitted, *ex ante* controls performed, and payments will be processed, it will be included in the population to be sampled, in the framework of the annual audit programme.

¹ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-10-2025-003011_EN.html
(¹) <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2021/697/oj/eng>.