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Answer given by High Representative/Vice-President Kallas
on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commission does not have the competences to decide on the organisation of the military conscription in the Member States, this remains a national competence.

The Commission, together with the High Representative/Vice-President, put forward the White Paper for European Defence - Readiness 2030¹. It focuses on how to support Member States in filling their most urgent and critical capability gaps, backed by funding options presented by the President of the Commission on 4 March 2025 through the ReArm Europe Plan². In this regard, it proposes actions and instruments in particular to financially support Member States, increase the European defence industrial readiness and work more closely with Ukraine and other partners.

On 19 November 2025, the Commission and the High Representative/Vice President adopted the Military Mobility Package 2025³, a comprehensive set of measures to ensure the swift, coordinated and secure movement of military personnel and equipment across the EU. The package seeks to strengthen Europe's defence posture by addressing barriers to military mobility across regulatory, infrastructure and capability dimensions - critical areas that currently hinder military transport across borders.

¹ https://www.eeas.europa.eu/eeas/white-paper-for-european-defence-readiness-2030_en.

² https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/statement_25_673.

³ https://transport.ec.europa.eu/transport-themes/military-mobility_en.