

**Amendment 16**

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on behalf of the ESN Group

**Report****A10-0188/2026****Tonino Picula, Ivars Ijabs**

Programme for agile and rapid defence innovation (AGILE)  
(COM(2026)0135 – C10-0089/2026 – 2026/0078(COD))

**Proposal for a regulation****Article 3 – paragraph 1***Text proposed by the Commission*

1. The general objective of the Programme is to support the rapid innovation capacity of SMEs, including innovative start-ups and scaleups, with a view to supporting the rapid delivery of emerging and disruptive products and technologies for defence address the most recent and fast evolving challenges faced by Member States' armed forces, in particular those stemming from Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine, with a focus on cost-efficiency. The Programme shall thereby foster the competitiveness of the European Defence Technological and Industrial Base (EDTIB) and contribute to strengthening the *Union's* defence readiness, while reducing strategic dependencies on non-associated third countries.

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**Proposal for a regulation****Article 7 – paragraph 2 – point a***Text proposed by the Commission*

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Or. en

**Amendment 18**

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**Proposal for a regulation****Article 15 – paragraph 4***Text proposed by the Commission**Amendment*

4. Without prejudice to paragraph 2 of this article, any transfer of ownership or granting of exclusive licences to a non-associated third country or to a non-associated third-country entity for results generated through the Programme, which takes place within 3 years after the final payment of the action, shall be subject to prior notification and approval by the **Commission or the** relevant Member State or associated third country authorities under conditions ensuring the protection of the Union's security and defence interests. Where such a transfer of ownership contravenes the security and defence interests of the EU and its Member States or the objectives set out in Article 3, the support provided from the Programme shall be reimbursed.

4. Without prejudice to paragraph 2 of this article, any transfer of ownership or granting of exclusive licences to a non-associated third country or to a non-associated third-country entity for results generated through the Programme, which takes place within 3 years after the final payment of the action, shall be subject to prior notification and approval by the relevant Member State or associated third country authorities under conditions ensuring the protection of the **Member States' and, where applicable,** Union's security and defence interests. Where such a transfer of ownership contravenes the security and defence interests of the EU and its Member States or the objectives set out in Article 3, the support provided from the Programme shall be reimbursed.

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**Proposal for a regulation****Article 15 – paragraph 6***Text proposed by the Commission*

6. Where Union support is provided in the form of a grant, EU institutions, bodies, offices or agencies as well as granting authorities shall enjoy upon request royalty-free access rights to results, without impacting the ownership of results, including IPRs on background information, for the only purpose of developing, implementing and monitoring existing Union policies or programmes in the fields of its competence and the right to grant.

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Or. en

**Amendment 20**

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**Proposal for a regulation**  
**Article 16 – paragraph 4**

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4. The Commission shall adopt the work programme by means of an implementing act. This implementing act shall be adopted in accordance with the ***advisory*** procedure referred to in Article 17(3).

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**Amendment 21**

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**Article 17 – paragraph 3**

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3. Where reference is made to this paragraph, Article **4** of Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 shall apply.

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**Proposal for a regulation****Article 18 – paragraph 1***Text proposed by the Commission*

The procurement contract of a Member State concerning any defence product resulting from an action supported under the Programme ***shall*** be considered as a contract awarded in the framework of a cooperative programme based on research and development as referred to in Article 13 (c) of Directive 2009/81/EC [following the adoption of Omnibus directive 2025/0177 (COD)].

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The procurement contract of a Member State concerning any defence product resulting from an action supported under the Programme ***may, at the discretion of the Member State concerned,*** be considered as a contract awarded in the framework of a cooperative programme based on research and development as referred to in Article 13 (c) of Directive 2009/81/EC [following the adoption of Omnibus directive 2025/0177 (COD)].

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