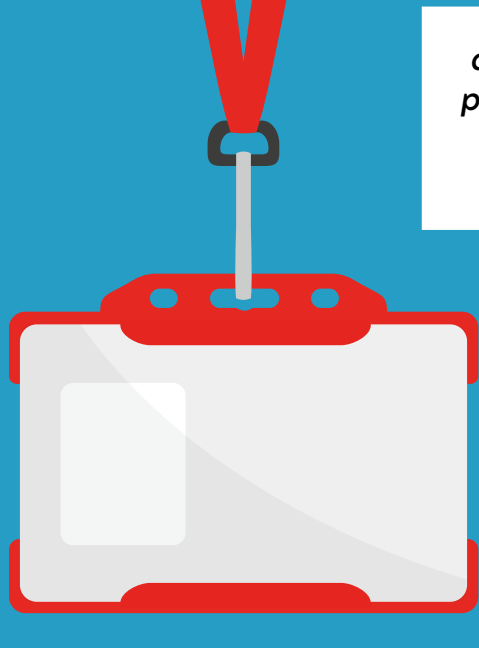


THE ARMS INDUSTRY LOBBYING THAT IS SHAPING THE EU'S 'DEFENCE' POLICY

“There is a constant and close dialogue with both the European Commission and the European Defence Agency (EDA)” - Arms industry lobby organisation AeroSpace and Defence Industries Association (ASD)’s newsletter, May 2016¹

“For European defence to be strong, the European defence industry needs to innovate. That is why we will propose before the end of the year a European Defence Fund, to turbo boost research and innovation.”

- European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker’s State of the Union address, 2016²



Arms Industry Lobbying at a glance

€3.6m

The combined lobbying budget of the top ten European arms companies 5 years ago³

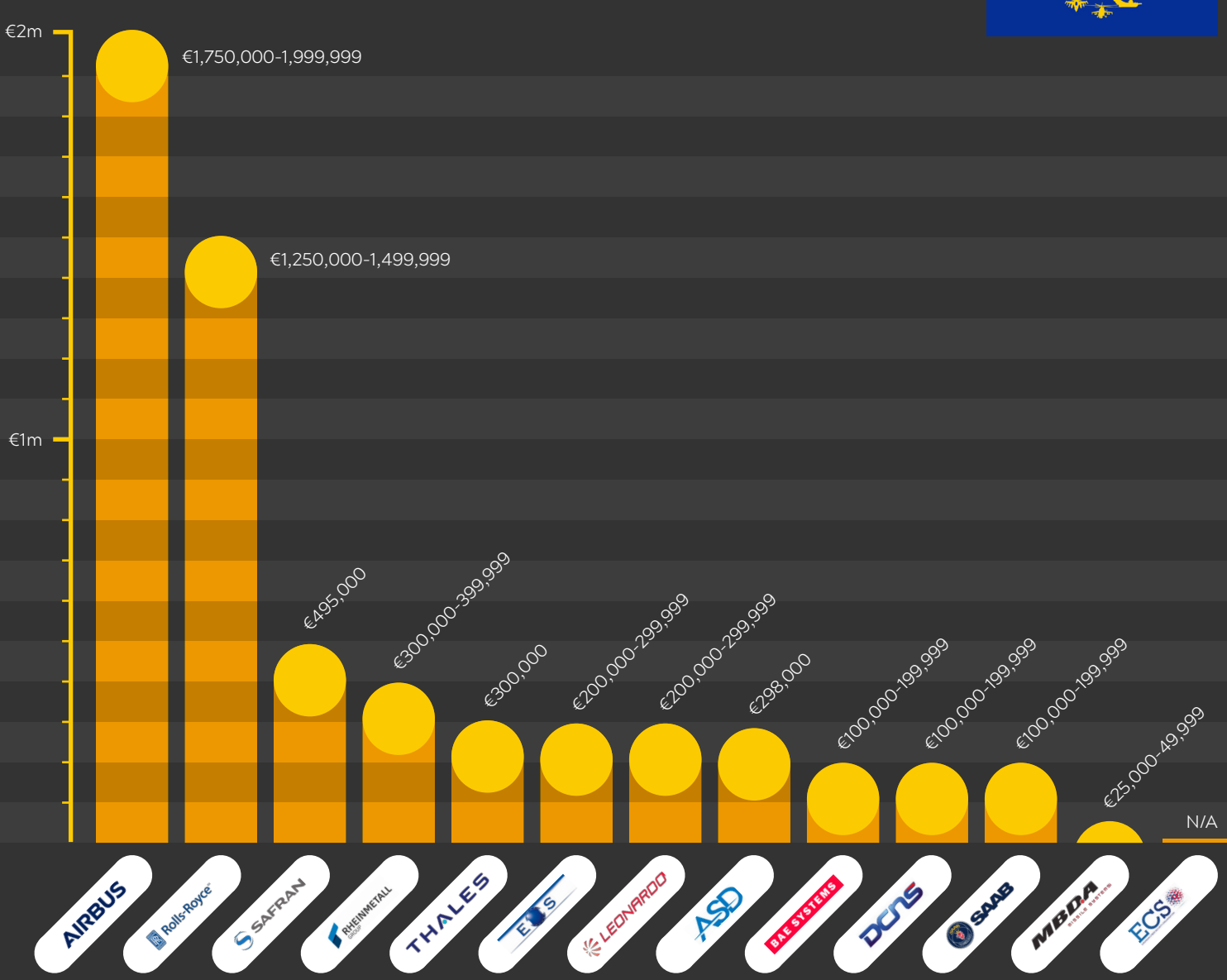
€5.1m

Their combined lobbying budget today*

*Campaigners⁴ believe that the arms industry lobbying organisation ASD may have substantially under-reported its EU lobbying budget as, according to data from the Belgian national bank, ASD has a large organisation budget

Arms Trade Lobbyists

Declared lobby spending as of November 2017

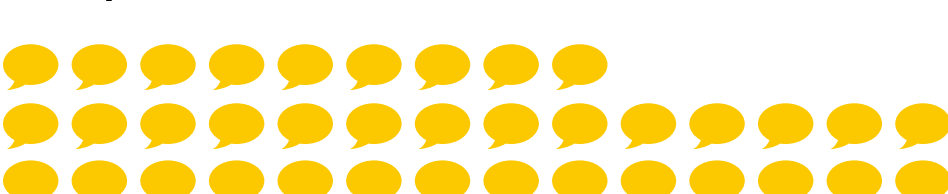


Number of high level meetings with the European Commission since December 2014

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| 1 Airbus Group 120 meetings | 8 AeroSpace and Defence Industries Association of Europe (ASD) 25 meetings |
| 2 Rolls-Royce PLC 13 meetings | 9 BAE Systems 3 meetings |
| 3 Safran 4 meetings | 10 DCNS 9 meetings |
| 4 Rheinmetall Group 1 meeting | 11 Saab AB 8 meetings |
| 5 THALES 18 meetings | 12 MBDA 6 meetings |
| 6 European Organisation for Security 15 meetings | 13 European Cyber Security Organisation 9 meetings |
| 7 Leonardo S.p.A 20 meetings | |



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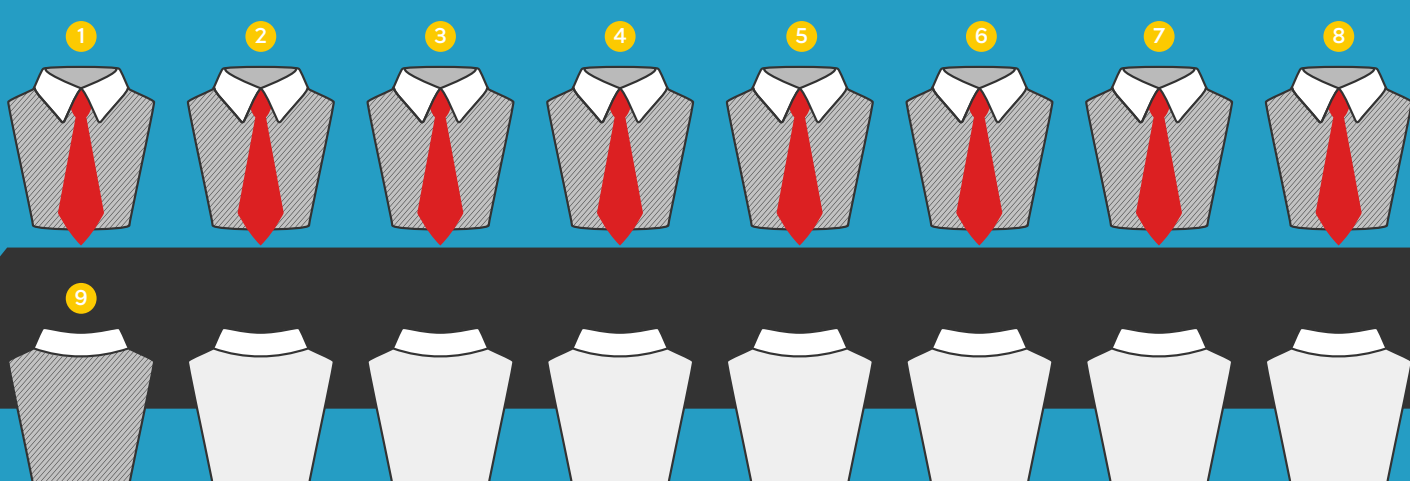


From 2013-2016, the European Commission’s DG Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs (DG GROW) had at least 37 meetings with the arms industry to discuss the ‘Preparatory Action on Defence Research’.⁵



Shaping the EU’s ‘Defence’ Agenda

2015: European Commission sets up the Group of Personalities on Defence Research - the advisory body that helped set the agenda for an EU military research programme. The group was heavily dominated by the arms industry.⁶



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| 1 Airbus Group | 2 BAE Systems | 3 Leonardo |
| 4 MBDA | 5 Saab | 6 Indra |
| 7 ASD | 8 TNO | 9 Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft |

2015: European Commission set up the Group of Personalities on Defence Research⁷ - an advisory body which helped set the agenda for an EU military research programme.

Oct 2016: European Parliament voted⁸ in favour of the Preparatory Action on Defence Research⁹ fund - granting **€90 million**¹⁰ for defence research for 2017-2019.

Nov 2016: The European Commission presented the European Defence Action Plan¹¹ in which it proposed the establishment of a European Defence Fund for the joint development of military equipment.

Jun 2017: European Commission proposed mobilising **€40 billion** from member states and the EU’s budget by 2027 for research and development of weapons and military hardware with the European Defence Fund.

Nov 2017: 23 European member states take the first formal step to set up ‘Permanent Structured Cooperation’ (PESCO), committing to spending more on the procurement of military equipment.

€90m

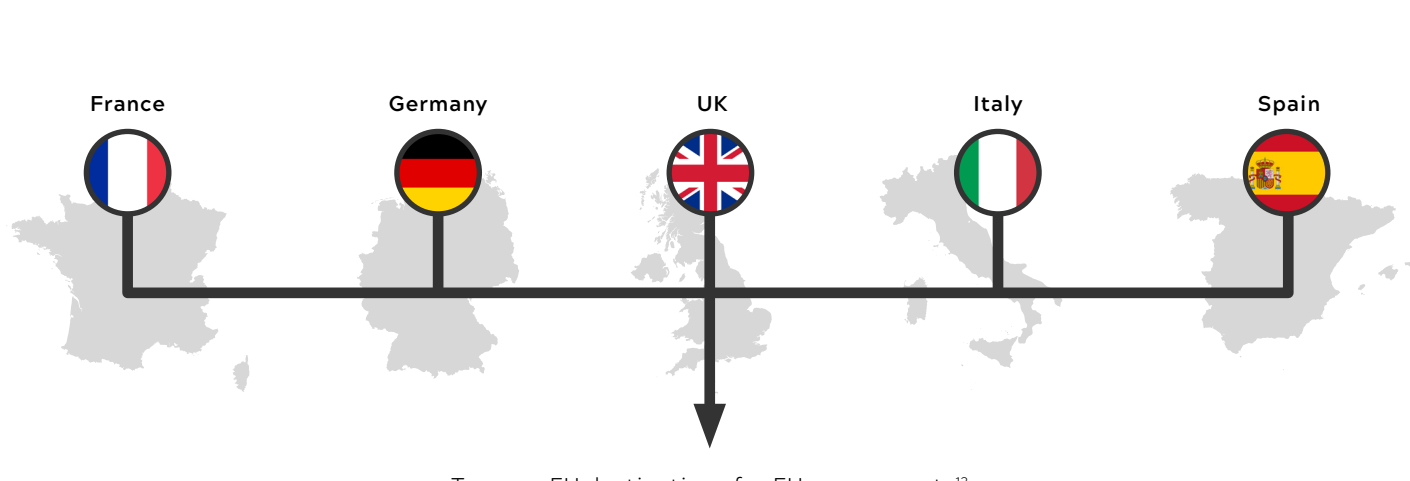
€40bn

EU Arms Exporters

Top 5 European Countries granting export licenses:

“Domestic demand coupled with export success is essential in order for Europe to retain viable and globally competitive defence industrial players.”

- Group of Personalities¹²



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