

Executive Summary

**Opinion of the Romanian Chamber of Deputies on
Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the
European Economic and Social Committee of the Regions – Launching the European
Defence Fund**

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The Chamber of Deputies:

- Underlines the position of Romania to support operationalisation of the European Defence Fund.
- Considers that it is necessary to maintain the intergovernmental character in the area of European defence.
- Supports the position of the Government, according to which Romania supports linking projects carried out through the European Defence Fund with those that will be planned by the Permanent Structured Cooperation (PESCO), the European Defence Agency having a major role in both cases.
- Draws attention that, because of the limited role of UE's budget in acquiring defence capabilities, there is a risk for their disproportionate development among Member States, based on the specific budget allocation and the gross domestic product of each Member State.
- According to the official position of the Government, underlines Romania's support towards giving special attention to supporting SMEs and start-ups, in order for all Member States to benefit from opportunities for involvement in such activities.
- Supports the idea of involving a broad spectre of actors relating to subcontracting, including regarding SMEs, but it recommends establishing means of control regarding subcontracting parties, to evaluate their competence and history.