《欧盟成员国没那么好当——或面临35亿军事研究费》

导读:欧盟持续经济疲软，使得各国用于军事防御的资源大打折扣。然后，美国却一直咄咄逼人。

European Union member states could soon be spending billions of pounds on military research if funding is agreed this week for a multi-million pound project, Preparatory Action for Defence Research.

??????????????“????????”????????????????????????????

The scheme, which will cover the years 2017-2020, at an estimated cost of 50-100 million Euro, would pave the way for a full research programme that could require a budget of at least 3.5bn pounds between 2021 and 2027.

????2017??2020??????5???1????????????????????????2021??2027???????????35??????

But the proposal is hugely controversial. More than 60,000 people have signed a petition against it. La?titia Sédou, EU programme officer at the European Network Against Arms Trade, said it was being pushed by vested interests without proper oversight and debate. “This proposal is merely a military-industrial policy driven by economic interests of a few, a trend towards liberalisation of the arms trade and competition with the US,” she said.

???????????60000????????????????????????????Laetitia Sédou????????????????????????“??”???

If the budget is approved, it would be the first time the EU has provided funding exclusively for defence research purposes.

???????????????????????????????

“The EU was envisaged as a peace project and that’s what it should be,” said Andrew Smith of the Campaign Against Arms Trade. “Whatever your views on the UK’s role in Europe, it should not be using public money to fund research for arms companies. This proposal could mean taking funds from other projects for something that would only benefit arms companies.”

???????????·?????“???
?”

Some EU member states believe a common defence research fund is long overdue because Europe is lagging behind other major powers.

??

A document outlining the proposal claims that “cooperative defence research programmes are essential for sustaining and fostering key military capabilities in Europe, and for addressing capability shortfalls”.

??”

A document from the European Union Institute for Security Studies – an organisation funded by some of the world’s biggest arms companies – makes the case for further spending on defence research capabilities.

???

It states: “Europe’s ongoing economic and fiscal crisis has clearly had a negative impact on the resources available to EU member states to engage in security-related activities. At the same time, threats have become more ‘hybrid’, less conventional, and very difficult to tackle with traditional means and without international cooperation. For its part, the US strategic ‘pivot’ to Asia forces Europeans to take defence more seriously.”

????“??? ???????????“??”??????????????????????????????
???????????????“??”???????????????”