
FRANCE PUSHES PROTECTIONISM IN UKRAINE DEFENSE PLAN

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As Russias war in Ukraine puts a heavy strain on EU arms, theres infighting in Brussels over how best to reload.

The latest skirmish is focused around a procurement fund intended to ramp up production of arms in Europe.

POLITICO has learned that key committees in the European Parliament – namely, the committees for industry, the internal market, and the subcommittee on security and defense – have clashed over the fund, formally known as European Defense Industry Reinforcement Through Common Procurement Act (EDIRPA). It holds €500 million for now, with the possibility to grow.

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