

# What is the Critical Raw Materials Act?

- ▶ Ensuring access to resources such as copper, nickel, cobalt in Europe and elsewhere.
- ▶ Weakening of environmental and human rights standards
- ▶ Sold in the name of the 'green transition', but a give-away to the mining industry.



## Tactic 1 - Hitting the same nail, over and over

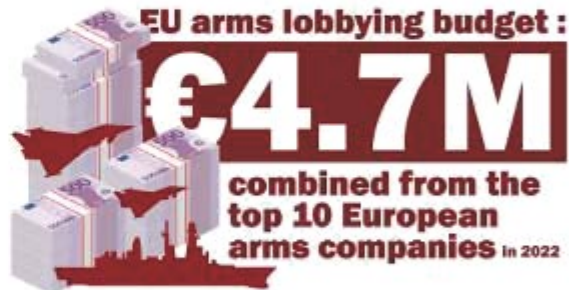
- ▶ Access to strategic minerals is a longstanding lobby target of the arms industry
- ▶ As early 2013, the Commission was already mentioning raw materials and the defence industry
- ▶ 2016 Defence Action Plan, with input from the arms industry



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## Tactic 2 - Meeting, meeting and meeting

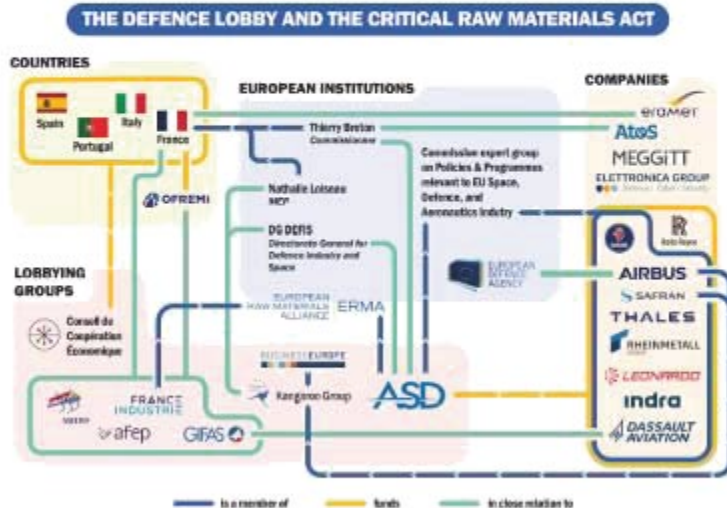
- ▶ Almost 5 million lobby spending per year
- ▶ Airbus second highest amount of meetings with EU officials



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## Tactic 3 - Shady lobby groups

- ▶ Kangaroo Group - informal group of MEPs and industry
- ▶ Sky and Space Intergroup - hosted by the ASD.



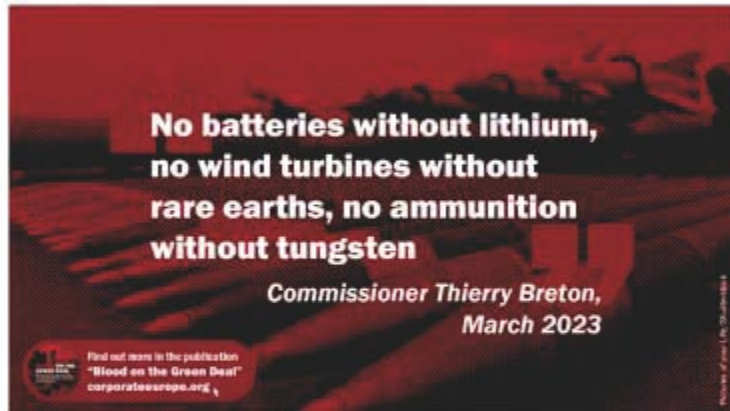
## Tactic 4 - Expert groups

- ▶ Expert group on raw materials
  - ASD
- ▶ Permanent Dialogue Group - set up to offer inputs on all programmes and policies relevant to the arms industry



## Tactic 5 - Inside help

- ▶ “We are the defence industry voice”,  
DG Defis
- ▶ European Defence Agency, and France  
and Spain



# What are the results of this lobbying push?

- ▶ “New category added of strategic raw materials”
- ▶ Aluminium and titanium added to the list of Strategic Raw Materials



**ALUMINIUM**  
added in **2023** in the **Strategic Raw Materials list**



**A win for industry,  
especially the defence lobby**



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