

**Question for written answer E-001741/2024/rev.1  
to the Commission**  
Rule 144  
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**Subject:** ‘Blue Homeland’, including EU territories, in teaching material used in schools in Türkiye

On 7 December 2023, Greece and Türkiye signed the Athens Declaration on Friendly Relations. Türkiye, however, instead of toning down its aggressiveness, is unfortunately doing the exact opposite. It has fully and officially adopted the ‘Blue Homeland’ (or ‘Mavi Vatan’ in Turkish) doctrine which, although it does not refer to it, is reminiscent of the concept of ‘living space’.

In fact, not content with issuing a plethora of declarations, since September 2024 it has also incorporated the doctrine into the teaching material used in its schools. The new 9th-grade geography textbook includes, on page 62, a section devoted to ‘Mavi Vatan’, with maps, military aircraft and historical information.<sup>1</sup> Furthermore, it refers to the National Oath of 1920, sworn by the most extreme elements in the country, which declares that ‘the lawful frontiers of Türkiye include regions such as Western Thrace, the Dodecanese and Northern Iraq’. The first two of these regions belong to Greece!

In view of this:

1. Has notice been taken of these facts?
2. What is the Commission's reaction to the above references by Türkiye, in its teaching material, to territories belonging to the Union?

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.kathimerini.gr/politics/563217235/toyrkia-apokalyptiria-tis-galazias-patridas-se-scholiko-vivlio/>