

**Question for written answer E-003003/2024
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Türkiye's role in post-Assad Syria

In a recent statement given in Ankara¹, President von der Leyen referred to the 'essential role' Türkiye has in stabilising the region after the fall of the Assad regime, while also stressing the need to protect minorities and Syria's territorial integrity.

In view of this:

1. How does the Commission view the destabilising role of Türkiye in Syria with its military interventions, support for armed groups and the de facto occupation of Syrian territories?
2. Why is the Commission choosing to ignore the part Türkiye is playing in destabilising the region, presenting the country as as a stability factor?
3. What control mechanisms will be put in place to prevent the EUR 1 billion disbursement for 2024 from being used for activities that undermine the territorial integrity of Syria and the security of the EU, in particular of Greece, it being the first country of arrival for illegal migrants?

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¹ https://neighbourhood-enlargement.ec.europa.eu/news/press-statement-president-von-der-leyen-president-turkiye-erdogan-2024-12-17_en