

**Question for written answer E-002209/2025/rev.1
to the Commission**
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Subject: Could Türkiye potentially be eligible for the SAFE programme?

Security Action for Europe (SAFE) is an EU initiative aimed at boosting the European defence industry through EUR 150 billion in funding. The programme includes joint procurement and allows for the participation of non-EU countries, contrary to the legally correct objections of the EP.

The recent EP report on Türkiye's accession process adopted an amendment condemning Türkiye for upholding a threat of war (*casus belli*) against Greece, in breach of Article 2(4) of the UN Charter, if Greece exercises its unilateral and inalienable right, deriving from the law of the sea (Article 3), to extend its territorial waters to 12 nautical miles.

In addition, Cyprus, a Member State of the EU, has been 'dismembered' for 51 years, with its northern part occupied by Turkish troops.

At the same time, the EP will challenge before the Court of Justice of the EU the use of the legal basis (Article 122 TFEU) on which the 'SAFE' Regulation is based, which has excluded it from the decision-making process.

In view of this:

1. On the basis of the above, might Türkiye potentially be eligible for participation in the SAFE programme?
2. What is the Commission's opinion on the exclusion of the EP from the decision-making process?

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