

Question for written answer E-002579/2025
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: SAFE in name only: the EU regulation that will be paid for by ordinary people in blood, money, new and major sacrifices and significant adversities

The introduction of the SAFE Regulation is evidence of the EU's deeper involvement in dangerous war planning and a shift to the 'war economy', in the context of competition with Russia, China and the US. The regulation envisages the participation of 'like-minded third countries', such as Türkiye – a country which challenges the borders and sovereign rights of Member States such as Greece, while occupying 37 % of the territory of Cyprus without recognising it.

In view of this, can the Commission say:

1. What view does it take of the fact that the SAFE Regulation intensifies competition between the EU and China, Russia and the US, promoting dangerous planning and a deeper involvement in war, actions which are already jeopardising – and harming – the safety ordinary people?
2. What view does it take of the need – which is at odds with the EU's war economy plans – to raise salaries and pensions, to reinstate 13th and 14th salaries and pensions for public sector employees and to increase health, education and welfare expenditure in order to meet the needs of workers rather than to finance groups in the EU's war industry, which, through their dangerous planning, create new avenues for profit, with unpredictable risks for ordinary people?
3. What view does it take of the fact that the SAFE Regulation involves so-called 'third countries', including Ukraine on the grounds of Russia's invasion and occupation of its territories, while Türkiye – a country which has, among other things, invaded and occupied territories of Cyprus, an EU Member State, since 1974 and which challenges the borders and sovereign rights of Greece – is participating in the same programme?

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