

**Question for written answer E-003114/2025
to the Commission**
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Subject: Germany profiting at the expense of European security and defence

Türkiye is constantly challenging Greece's legitimate sovereignty and sovereign rights in the Aegean Sea.

Türkiye may have the quantitative lead in aviation, but Greece currently has the qualitative upper hand, with Rafale jets, a modernised F-16 fleet, advanced defence systems and highly trained personnel.

Ongoing investments are expected to strengthen Türkiye's quantitative advantage.

The power balance remains unclear, with Türkiye's quantitative lead being offset by Greece's technological and organisational superiority.

Recently, Germany approved the sale of 40 Eurofighter Typhoon aircraft to Türkiye. The aircraft will be built in the UK with German parts.

At present, while Greece does not have many AIP submarines, the ones it does have are high in quality, with upgraded impact capacity by means of new platforms. Türkiye is pursuing an aggressive quantitative expansion strategy, incorporating domestic design and AIP, for long-term growth.

German submarine technology was most recently delivered to Türkiye on 25.8.2024, when TCG Piri Reis (S-330), a Reis-class submarine (Type 214TN), was put into service with the Turkish Navy.

Türkiye is expected to receive a total of six German Reis-class submarines.

Based on Article 42(2) and (7) of the Treaty on European Union (TEU), there is provision for European defence.

Would it not be more honest to have a clause nullifying European defence, given that Germany is making a fortune selling weapons to countries that are hostile to the EU and the rule of law?

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