

**Question for written answer E-003225/2025
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Ethnic cohesion and foreign interventions in Thrace

The region of Thrace constitutes a nationally sensitive and geopolitically crucial part of the Greek territory and by extension of the European Union. However, in recent decades, there have been systematic efforts by external actors – particularly non-EU countries such as Türkiye – to influence the Muslim minority of the region, both politically and religiously, undermining cohesion and peace in the local community.

The operation of organisations and associations under the auspices or guidance of foreign consulates raises legitimate concerns regarding the sovereignty of EU Member States and European security as a whole.

Can the Commission answer the following:

1. Is the existence of external interventions in ethnically sensitive regions, such as Thrace, that endanger national cohesion and the peaceful coexistence of citizens recognised?
2. Is there a unified framework for monitoring and transparency regarding the activities of organisations operating under the influence of foreign powers in areas within the EU? If not, does the Commission intend to propose a relevant mechanism for the protection of Member States?
3. Does the Commission intend to strengthen targeted social inclusion and economic support programmes in the Thrace region, with respect for national sensitivities, in order to reduce the influence of external powers on the minority and to strengthen the region?

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