

Question for written answer E-004401/2025
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Excluding Türkiye in the event that it attempts to indirectly secure defence funding

The European Commission has recently amended the regulation on the InvestEU programme, which will be able to finance defence programmes using funds under shared management from the Recovery Facility or from Member States' resources. The funding process must not be infiltrated by non-EU countries, such as Türkiye, which challenges the territorial integrity of Member States, or by EU-based companies controlled by non-EU countries and prepared to act as Trojan horses on behalf of Türkiye to enable its participation in European programmes. There is a risk that non-EU countries like Türkiye, which were excluded from SAFE, find indirect ways of accessing funds through the new InvestEU programme.

It is inconceivable that the European Union may be arming Türkiye and allowing it access to defence finance through InvestEU and with the money of European taxpayers. Türkiye is a country that launches threats against Greece with declarations by high-ranking officials, while also challenging the status of the Aegean islands.

In view of the above, can the Commission say:

1. Will it exclude Türkiye from InvestEU?
2. Are there any security guarantees to exclude non-EU countries that threaten EU Member States?
3. Will it exclude EU-based companies under Turkish control from InvestEU?

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