

**Question for written answer E-000767/2026
to the Commission**
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Subject: Strategy to support the EU's eastern border regions

The Commission communication of 18 February 2026 on a strategy to support Eastern European countries in the face of Russian aggression¹ highlights that Member States have been particularly affected by hybrid warfare, the instrumentalisation of migration flows, economic disruptions and demographic pressure. Strengthening these regions is seen as a strategic investment in European security. In the same vein, Executive Vice-President Raffaele Fitto stated that '[The eastern border regions] are not only national borders. They are European borders'².

However, the EU's eastern border extends to the south, including to Greece and Cyprus – with the former under threat of war and the latter under military occupation by Türkiye. At the same time, with the continued occupation of European territory and the *casus belli*, there are recurrent challenges to sovereign rights, revisionist rhetoric, obstruction of the implementation of projects of European interest and instrumentalisation of migration flows.

The absence of an explicit reference to these cases casts doubt over the consistent application of the principles of equal treatment and solidarity between Member States.

Can the Commission answer the following:

1. Will it explicitly include Greece and Cyprus in the scope of this eastern border strategy?
2. Does it recognise the Turkish threat as a destabilising factor for European security at the eastern border?
3. What specific measures does it intend to take to meaningfully strengthen the resilience and protection of all eastern European borders?

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¹ https://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/sources/communication/eastern-border/communication-eastern-border-2026.pdf

² https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/speech_26_435