

**Question for written answer E-001072/2026
to the Commission**
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Subject: Türkiye obstructs cable-laying project once again

Turkish provocation in the Eastern Mediterranean region is growing by the day. A case in point is the Great Sea Interconnector between Greece and Cyprus. Türkiye is using military means to obstruct the laying of fibre-optic cables between Astypalaia and Amorgos. Specifically, the Turkish Navy hailed the cable-laying vessel, asking it to stop its work and leave the area.

This project is part of the wider fibre optic interconnection project SEA-SPINE (High-speed Submarine Backbone for islands of the Aegean Sea) and is among the EU's priorities, receiving funding from the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF).

Given that the Türkiye 2025 report states that ‘violations of Greek territorial waters continued to be reported, with a noticeable increase in incidents compared with the previous reporting period’ and that the maritime zones of EU Member States are becoming increasingly important for its green and digital transition, can the Commission say:

1. What measures is it considering to defend the EU’s interests in the maritime zones of its Member States against illegal actions by non-EU countries?
2. Has the Greek Government officially informed the Commission about the above developments and, if so, have joint initiatives been taken to protect this strategic European infrastructure which is co-funded by the CEF?

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