

**Question for written answer E-003289/2026/rev.1
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Halting funding to Türkiye as long as it persists in threatening Greece and Europe

Türkiye has gone ahead and unilaterally announced the establishment of marine parks that encroach on areas beyond its territorial waters, i.e. on the North Aegean and Kastellorizo. In doing so, it is attempting to create faits accomplis against the sovereign rights of my homeland, Greece, a Member State of the European Union, and by extension against the European Union itself. The Commission must do more than issue mere statements. It must act and it must immediately halt all EU funding to Türkiye. I trust that the Commission will take prompt action as it has done in the past with other non-EU countries when they have threatened EU Member States.

In view of the above, can the Commission answer the following:

1. Can a candidate country challenge the sovereign rights of a Member State and, at the same time, expect European funding and a privileged relationship with the EU?
2. What specific economic measures does it intend to take to make it clear to Türkiye that environmental initiatives cannot be used as a tool to challenge the sovereign rights of a Member State or to create a fait accompli in the Aegean and Eastern Mediterranean?
3. Does it consider these unilateral actions to be compatible with European law and the principle of good neighbourly relations?

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