

**Question for written answer E-003436/2026
to the Commission**
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Subject: Violations of Greek airspace by Türkiye in the Alexandroupoli area

On Friday 28 August, a Turkish drone embarked on a flight over the Thracian Sea lasting several hours. It flew in the wider area of Alexandroupoli and Samothrace and very close to Alexandroupoli airport.

This dangerous violation by a Turkish drone marks yet another incident confirming the increase in Turkish provocations in the Aegean. It is telling that there were more than 247 instances of Turkish aircraft violating Greek airspace up to and including July this year compared to 225 during the whole of 2025. In fact, on 18 August, Turkish aircraft violated Greek national airspace 25 times, with Greek and Turkish F-16 armed fighter jets getting involved.

In view of the ever-increasing violations of Greek airspace by Turkish fighter jets and drones, can the Commission say:

1. What measures will it take, including potential sanctions against Türkiye, to protect Greek sovereign rights from Turkish provocation?
2. Does the Commission intend to propose the creation of a Southern Border Watch similar to the one foreseen for the eastern border, which would also include airspace violations, or to extend the implementation of the Eastern Flank Watch to Greece?

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