

Question for written answer E-003474/2026
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Greece's purchase of Israeli air defence systems and compatibility with SAFE and other EU instruments

On 31 August 2026, Greece signed an agreement (dubbed 'Achilles' Shield') with Israel worth around EUR 3 billion for the purchase of an integrated anti-missile and anti-drone defence system, produced by Rafael and Israel Aerospace Industries, plus EUR 26 million for an additional anti-drone system. This is the largest defence contract between the two countries.

Greece is a beneficiary of the SAFE instrument (Regulation (EU) 2025/1106), which imposes eligibility requirements regarding the origin of contractors and components. It should also be kept in mind that Israel is subject to genocide proceedings before the International Court of Justice and that several Member States have suspended trade in military material with Israel.

In light of the above:

1. Is the purchase of 'Achilles' Shield' fully or partially financed, co-financed or otherwise supported by SAFE, the European Defence Industry Programme, the European Defence Fund or any other EU instrument?
2. Has the Commission checked that the SAFE eligibility requirements, including the limit for components originating from third countries, were met in the Greek contracts covered by the instrument?
3. What monitoring mechanisms ensure that EU funds or loans are not used, directly or indirectly, for purchasing material from Israeli companies?

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