

Question for written answer E-004034/2026
to the Commission
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Subject: Strengthening European defence and countering threats from the south

Recent statements by the Greek Minister of National Defence in Brussels have highlighted a critical reality: European security is not only threatened from the north, but also from the south – from the Middle East, North Africa and the wider Eastern Mediterranean. As he pointed out, the issue of European security is not solely about Russia; above all, it is about defending all the Member States of the Union.

At the same time, he emphasised the need for a truly pan-European approach to defence, including protection against ballistic threats and critical infrastructure protection.

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

1. What specific measures does it intend to take to address the threats originating from the south and the Eastern Mediterranean?
2. Does it intend to incorporate the development of common European protection against ballistic and drone attacks – especially for those Member States on the front line of the threats – into European defence planning and Union funding?

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