

**Question for written answer E-004087/2026/rev.1
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Immediate review of European funding in the light of unacceptable chauvinist map of Istanbul passing off EU Member State territories as Turkish

A chauvinist map appeared in an underground station in the Beyoğlu district of Istanbul, presenting parts of neighbouring countries as Turkish. These include the Republic of Cyprus, Western Thrace, Rhodes, Karpathos and Samothrace, as well as parts of Syria, Iraq and Georgia.¹

Images such as this raise serious issues regarding respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of states, good neighbourly relations and the principles guiding the EU's relations with Türkiye.

The Delegation of the European Union to Türkiye has confirmed that the Union is funding a EUR 6 million project on sustainable urban mobility in Istanbul, including in the Beyoğlu district.

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

1. Is it aware that this map has been displayed?
2. Does it believe that it is fitting, based on the principles of good neighbourly relations, respect for sovereignty and territorial integrity and bearing in mind the obligations of candidate countries, for a public authority or publicly managed infrastructure to put up maps presenting territories of Member States or other neighbouring countries as part of Türkiye?
3. Does it intend to review, suspend, terminate or place conditions on the relevant funding until the appropriate corrective measures have been taken?

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¹ <https://knews.kathimerini.com.cy/en/news/istanbul-map-depicts-entire-cyprus-as-turkish-territory>.