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In accordance with the Treaty on EU, the EU pursues in its actions the objectives of preserving the security and defence interests of the EU and its Member States, including those of the Republic of Cyprus. Whilst Council Regulation (EU) 2025/1106 on Security Action for Europe (SAFE)¹ does not include references to specific foreign policy situations or occupations, it aims at supporting the financial efforts of the Member States to increase their defence readiness in accordance with these objectives. SAFE also establishes eligibility conditions for the participation of defence entities in common procurement under that instrument, which ensures the preservation of the security and defence objectives of the EU and of its Member States.

In SAFE, entities established in third countries or under the control of third countries (to the exception of Ukraine and countries of the European Free Trade Association also members of the European Economic Area) are, in principle, not allowed to participate in common procurement under the instrument. SAFE foresees the possibility for entities from third countries to participate in common procurements under SAFE only on condition that the third country in question is firstly an acceding, potential candidate or candidate country or has concluded with the EU a security and defence partnership agreement, and, secondly, an international agreement in accordance with Article 218 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the EU. These agreements must ensure that there is no conflict with common foreign security policy's interests.

The EU has not concluded any agreement with Türkiye on these matters. It follows that Turkish companies are not authorised to participate in SAFE common procurements.

¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2025/1106/oj/eng>.