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on behalf of the European Commission
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The Delegated Regulation¹ adopted by the Commission on 28 August 2025 concerning the InvestEU fund provides that in the area of defence final beneficiaries receiving more than EUR 10 million of EU funding shall be established in the EU or an associated country and shall not be controlled by non-associated third country entities unless they provide a guarantee approved by the country in which they are established. Such guarantee shall provide assurances that the involvement of the entity will not contravene the security and defence interests of the EU and its Member States.

Currently, only Norway and Iceland are associated to InvestEU. These countries have contributed to the InvestEU Fund on the basis of Article 81 of the Agreement on the European Economic Area². In line with that Agreement, the amendments proposed in the Delegated Regulation of 28 August 2025 ensure that entities established in these associated countries benefit from similar conditions as entities established in Member States.

As a candidate country to the EU, Türkiye participates in EU programmes and could in principle be associated to InvestEU. The specific conditions for its association would need to be agreed between Türkiye and the Commission based on the association agreement as ratified by the European Parliament. However, at this advanced stage of implementation of the programme, the Commission does not envisage the association of Türkiye or any other non-EU associated countries to InvestEU.

¹ https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg_del/2025/1774/oj.

² https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/agree_international/1994/1/oj/eng.