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**Question for written answer E-000194/26
to the Commission
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Subject: Limits, funding and equal treatment of Member States in the context of the SAFE Regulation

The SAFE Regulation is touted as a key tool for strengthening European defence, with one of the objectives being to support Member States that are facing heightened security threats. However, public interventions by some Baltic States, due to their proximity to Russia, raise questions as to the allocation of available funds and the eligibility criteria. At the same time, Member States such as Cyprus and Greece face continuous, proven threats from a non-EU country, which directly affects the security of the Union.

Can the Commission answer the following:

1. What is the total amount of funding and what are the funding ceilings for SAFE?
2. How is a fair and equitable distribution of funds ensured based on objective threat criteria?
3. What commitments and controls accompany the funding to prevent the unequal treatment of Member States?

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**Answer given by Mr Kubilius on behalf of the European Commission
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1. The Commission can clarify that the total funding available under the Security Action for Europe (SAFE) Regulation ⁽¹⁾ is set at EUR 150 billion, as outlined in Article 6 of the regulation. The regulation does not foresee an *ex ante* distribution key among Member States for the financial assistance being provided to them. The Commission launched a call for expression of interest, requesting Member States to provide for an indicative loan amount based on their own assessment of risks, needs and other pertinent criteria.
2. The tentative allocation of financial assistance was based on the requests from the Member States and respecting the caveat of the regulation in Article 13. The Member States submitted their requests for financial assistance before 30 November 2025. When submitting the proposals for Council Implementing Decisions on financial assistance to Member States, the Commission considers existing and expected financing needs of the requesting Member State as expressed in the requests for financial assistance, applying, in accordance with Article 8(5), the principles of equal treatment, solidarity, proportionality and transparency.
3. The Commission establishes guidance and procedures for all stages of the implementation of the instrument (assessment of the plans, assessments of requests for payments, amendments) that guarantee the proportionality of the controls and equal treatment of the Member States.

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