

**Question for written answer E-005090/2015
to the Commission**

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Subject: Construction of a nuclear power plant in Akkuyu

Construction of a nuclear power plant in Akkuyu in Turkey has been a topic of discussion in recent years. The topic surfaced once again during a recent visit to Turkey by the Russian President, as it would appear that a Russian company is interested in constructing the power plant.

Mankind has had to live through the tragic events which occurred in Fukushima in Japan in March 2011, as nobody could have predicted the effects of the earthquake.

The area in Turkey where the nuclear power plant is to be constructed is highly prone to earthquakes. The environmental impact study carried out failed to mention this fact or to address the issue of waste management and the risks of an accident.

Moreover, Turkish scientists have confirmed that Turkey does not require enough energy to justify a nuclear power plant.

In view of the above, will the Commission say:

Has the EU been informed of these intentions on the part of Turkey, as it is a candidate country? If so, is it monitoring and approving the relevant environmental impact studies? Does it consider the construction site is suitable? Have studies been carried out to evaluate the impact of a potential accident on neighbouring states?