

**Question for written answer E-005936/2015  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Construction of a nuclear power plant in Akkuyu, Turkey

On 14 April, Turkey launched the construction of its first nuclear power plant in Akkuyu, a region located on the coastline of Asia Minor. The plant's four reactors are expected to start operating in 2020. Numerous bodies in Turkey, as well as in neighbouring countries, have warned that the construction of nuclear power plants in a particularly earthquake-prone region – literally on an active earthquake-prone fault line – puts the wider area in great danger.

In view of the above, will the Commission say:

- Is it worried about the possible construction of nuclear power plants in highly earthquake-prone regions, close to European borders?
- Has Turkey, as a candidate country, harmonised its legislation with the acquis on nuclear power, including the nuclear safety directive, as it is obligated to do?

Finally, according to international conventions and best practices, the use of nuclear power as a source of electric power production must be based on the ability of each country to ensure a high level of safety, protection and assurances during the entire life cycle of a nuclear power facility.

- Does Turkey fulfil these conditions?