

**Question for written answer E-000211/2021/rev.1
to the Commission**

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Subject: Turkey and the European Union

In January, the Turkish press reported that Ankara's Foreign Minister had repeatedly referred to the European Union as Turkey's 'destiny' and indicated his intention to strengthen the country's EU accession process. President Erdogan has also suggested 'reviving' bilateral relations.

However, these expressions of apparent cordiality appear to omit apologies, or at least changes of heart, over the recent behaviour of leading Turkish political figures, who have spoken out against leaders of Member States in highly inappropriate tones. Furthermore, Turkey's position on certain tensions in its neighbourhood and in the Mediterranean is difficult to reconcile with the approach geared to cooperation, mediation and peace pursued by the European Union.

Given Turkey's aspirations and its desire to 'reopen' the accession process, can the Commission say:

what his view is on this Turkish Government position;

whether he believes it is possible to 'build a political future' with Turkey, especially after the latest statements of Turkish leaders regarding several European leaders and the European Parliament's position as expressed in its resolution of 26 November 2020;

whether it is likely that the accession process will be reopened in 2021?

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