

**Question for written answer E-000852/2022
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Turkish Cypriot peace activists are not a threat to Turkish national security

Okan Dağlı is a medical doctor, writer and peace activist. On 25 February 2022, he was denied entry to the Turkish Republic due to his alleged 'activities against national security' of the Turkish Republic and was sent back to the northern part of Cyprus.

Dr Dağlı is not the first Turkish Cypriot peace activist to be denied entry to Turkey: former Turkish Cypriot leader Mustafa Akinci's communications coordinator Ali Bizden, researcher/author Dr Ahmet Cavit An and the President of the Journalists' Trade Union (Basin-Sen) Ali Kishmir were not allowed to enter the country on similar grounds. These Turkish Cypriots have one thing in common: they fight for a united federal Cyprus.

In this regard,

1. What steps will the Commission take regarding the rights of Turkish-Cypriot EU citizens to enter Turkey, which is a candidate country for accession to the EU?
2. What measures does it intend to take to protect the Turkish Cypriot community from the intervention of the Turkish Republic?