

**Question for written answer E-001937/2022
to the Commission**

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Subject: Northern Cyprus

For decades, Turkey has violated the independence and territorial integrity of Cyprus and ignored European Parliament and UN resolutions. It is also destroying the Christian artistic and cultural heritage of Northern Cyprus, a fact condemned by the European Parliament as far back as 1988.

Since then, more than 500 churches and monasteries have been looted, desecrated, vandalised or converted for other uses. More than 15 000 icons, works of art and liturgical objects have disappeared.

1. How much funding has the Commission provided to date for the Turkish-occupied northern part of the island, and for what purposes?
2. How much funding has the Commission provided for the restoration of damaged churches, including desecrated Christian monuments and symbols?
3. Is the Commission bringing pressure to bear on the Turkish government to ensure it respects the European cultural heritage in Cyprus?