

**Question for written answer E-002372/2022
to the Commission**
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Subject: Measures to combat the unauthorised activity of Turkish drones in the EU

It has become common knowledge that Turkish unmanned aerial vehicles (drones) have systematically been flying above EU soil illegally. It is also common knowledge that Turkey has recently developed a thriving industry in the production of drones, used extensively for unauthorised observation and infrastructure, especially on islands in the Aegean Sea.

There have been repeated reports of these Turkish drones violating the flight information region of Athens and Greek airspace. Although many of these flights, for which a flight plan is never submitted, are spotted and kept in check, this unacceptable policy is continuing and intensifying.

Compounding this situation are reports of manipulative and coordinated attempts to send refugees and immigrants on the Turkish coast in the Aegean Sea towards Greek islands in a kind of hybrid warfare against the EU.

1. Will the Commission consider issuing a strong condemnation of these Turkish practices against an EU Member State?
2. Is the Commission preparing a specific action plan to keep Turkish drones out of EU airspace and prevent policies of hybrid warfare against the Member States?