

**Question for written answer E-003336/2022
to the Commission**

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Subject: Sanctions against Turkey and Turkish entities

The EU has approved eight packages of sanctions against Russia in response to its aggression in Ukraine. However, given that they are not being universally implemented, the eighth package provides for the possibility of penalising breaches thereof, including those committed by entities in Turkey that are continuing to circumvent the sanctions. At the same time, Turkey is ramping up its aggressive rhetoric towards Greece and Cyprus, together with its encroachments on their airspace and territorial waters, accompanied by unlawful territorial claims and military threats. However, the EU is continuing to refrain from imposing sanctions, notwithstanding the repeated urgings of the European Parliament prompted by infringements of the sovereign rights of EU Member States and the continued erosion of the rule of law.

In view of this:

1. Is the Commission envisaging penalties for companies and individuals in Turkey that are infringing sanctions against Russia, making use of the possibilities offered by the eighth package of measures and in view of the importance attached by the EU to combating attempts to circumvent and undermine such sanctions?
2. Is it considering the creation of an automatic penalisation mechanism within the framework of the EU-Turkey Customs Union to be triggered by challenges to the territorial sovereignty and sovereign rights of Member States or encroachments thereon by Turkey?