

**Priority question for written answer P-000378/2023  
to the Commission**

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**Subject:** Earthquake in Türkiye: Fears surrounding the Akkuyu nuclear power plant

The recent deadly earthquake in Türkiye and Syria can only serve to remind us of the existence of a massive nuclear threat to the environment in the area. The construction of a nuclear plant in Akkuyu greatly increases the risk to the environment, as the selected location has a history of major disasters caused by earthquakes.

The probability of a nuclear accident is very high because the plant is located in a seismic area, endangering the entire southeast Mediterranean.

The European Parliament has adopted a number of resolutions calling on Turkey to halt its plans for the construction of the Akkuyu nuclear power station, to adhere to the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo Convention) and to involve, or at least consult, the governments of its neighbouring countries, such as Greece and Cyprus, regarding any future projects of this kind.

In view of this:

1. What action will the Commission take to halt the construction of a nuclear plant by an EU candidate country in a particularly seismic area, which poses enormous risks?
2. What are the findings of the technical meetings that have taken place so far concerning the safety of the project?

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