

**Question for written answer E-000017/2025  
to the Commission**  
Rule 144  
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Subject: Türkiye's reaction to the completion of Greece's mandatory maritime spatial planning

Maritime spatial planning is a key tool for ensuring the sustainability of marine resources and promoting the sustainable development of marine areas and maritime economies. The establishment and implementation of maritime spatial planning is an obligation imposed on Member States pursuant to Directive 2014/89/EU<sup>1</sup>, but the deadline for complying with that obligation expired on 31 March 2021. In a period of significant challenges in the Mediterranean, which fall within the area of various critical EU policies, and despite the transposition of the directive into Greek law in 2018<sup>2</sup>, Greece has not completed the establishment of its maritime spatial planning and has already been referred to the European Court of Justice<sup>3</sup>. In April 2024, the Greek Government announced that it would set up two marine parks, in the Aegean and the Ionian, in application of European law. However, Türkiye is strongly opposing the completion of Greece's maritime spatial planning, calling on it to refrain from fulfilling its obligations under the above-mentioned directive<sup>4</sup>.

In view of this:

1. Can the obligation to establish and implement maritime spatial planning pursuant to Directive 2014/89/EU be suspended due to external threats by third countries – in the present case, by Türkiye?
2. What measures does the Commission intend to take to bring about the completion and protection of maritime spatial planning in all those Member States that have not yet completed it?
3. How will it support Greece against the Turkish threats concerning its failure to comply with the obligations under Directive 2014/89/EU?

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<sup>1</sup> <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32014L0089>

<sup>2</sup> Law 4546/2018, Greek Government Gazette I/101 of 12.6.2018

<sup>3</sup> [https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/el/ip\\_23\\_6345](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/el/ip_23_6345)

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.dw.com/el/%CE%B7-%CF%84%CE%BF%CF%85%CF%81%CE%BA%CE%AF%CE%B1-%CE%B1%CE%BD%CF%84%CE%B9%CE%B4%CF%81%CE%AC-%CE%B3%CE%B9%CE%B1-%CF%84%CE%B1-%CE%B8%CE%B1%CE%BB%CE%AC%CF%83%CF%83%CE%B9%CE%B1-%CF%80%CE%AC%CF%81%CE%BA%CE%B1/a-68786294>, <https://www.aa.com.tr/en/europe/dialogue-cooperation-way-to-prosperity-for-future-generations-of-turks-greeks-turkish-foreign-minister/3386898>