

Invitation

The **Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy (ELIAMEP)**

is organising an **online discussion** on:

Between Power and Paradox: Militarisation, Defence Ambitions, and Turkey's Strategic Struggles

Situated at the crossroads of regional crises and deeply embedded in Western security structures like NATO, Turkey navigates a paradoxical position as it claims the role of both a regional stabilizer and a global mediator. The discussion will delve into Turkey's multi-vector foreign policy, its growing defence industry as a tool for diplomatic influence, and the economic contradictions shaping its strategic choices. Our panel will discuss how Turkey can align its strategic ambitions with democratic resilience and economic security to sustain its regional and global influence.

Speakers

Ahmet Erdi Öztürk, Reader, London Metropolitan University; Non-Resident Senior Scholar, Turkey Programme, ELIAMEP

Can Selçuki, Managing Director, Istanbul Economics Research

Sinem Akgül Açıkmeşe, Professor, Kadir Has University

Alpaslan Özerdem, Dean and Professor, George Mason University

Moderator

Ioannis N. Grigoriadis, Associate Professor, Bilkent University; Senior Research Fellow and Head, Turkey Programme, ELIAMEP

The event will be held in English.

**Wednesday 10 September 2025,
at 16:00-17:30 (EEST) | 15:00-16:30 (CEST)**

Live streaming will be available on the [ELIAMEP website](https://www.eliamep.gr) and on ELIAMEP's official accounts on [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#).

Please submit your questions before and during the discussion at: events@eliamep.gr