

Invitation

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

is organising an **online discussion** on:

Turkey's Defence Industry and the EU SAFE Regulation

At a time when Europe is rethinking its security and defence priorities, Turkey's defence industry stands at the crossroads of ambition and constraint, reflecting both its rise as a global arms exporter and its contested place within Europe's security framework. The discussion will explore how Ankara leverages NATO membership and geographic centrality to project influence, while aspiring to join the EU's *Security Action for Europe (SAFE)* initiative. Our panel will unpack the opportunities SAFE offers for technological collaboration and market access, alongside the political and legal hurdles that complicate Turkey's participation.

Speakers

Dimitris Tsarouhas, Adjunct Professor, Georgetown University's Security Studies Program; Non-Resident Senior Research Scholar, Turkey Programme, ELIAMEP

Derya Göçer, Associate Professor, Middle East Technical University

Kıvanç Ulusoy, Professor, Istanbul University

Moderator

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

The event will be held in English.

November 11 2025,
at **17:00-18:30 (EET) | 16:00-17:30 (CET)**

Live streaming will be available on the [ELIAMEP website](#)
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Please submit your questions before and during the discussion at: events@eliamep.gr