



EU Foreign Policy Approach: The case of Turkey

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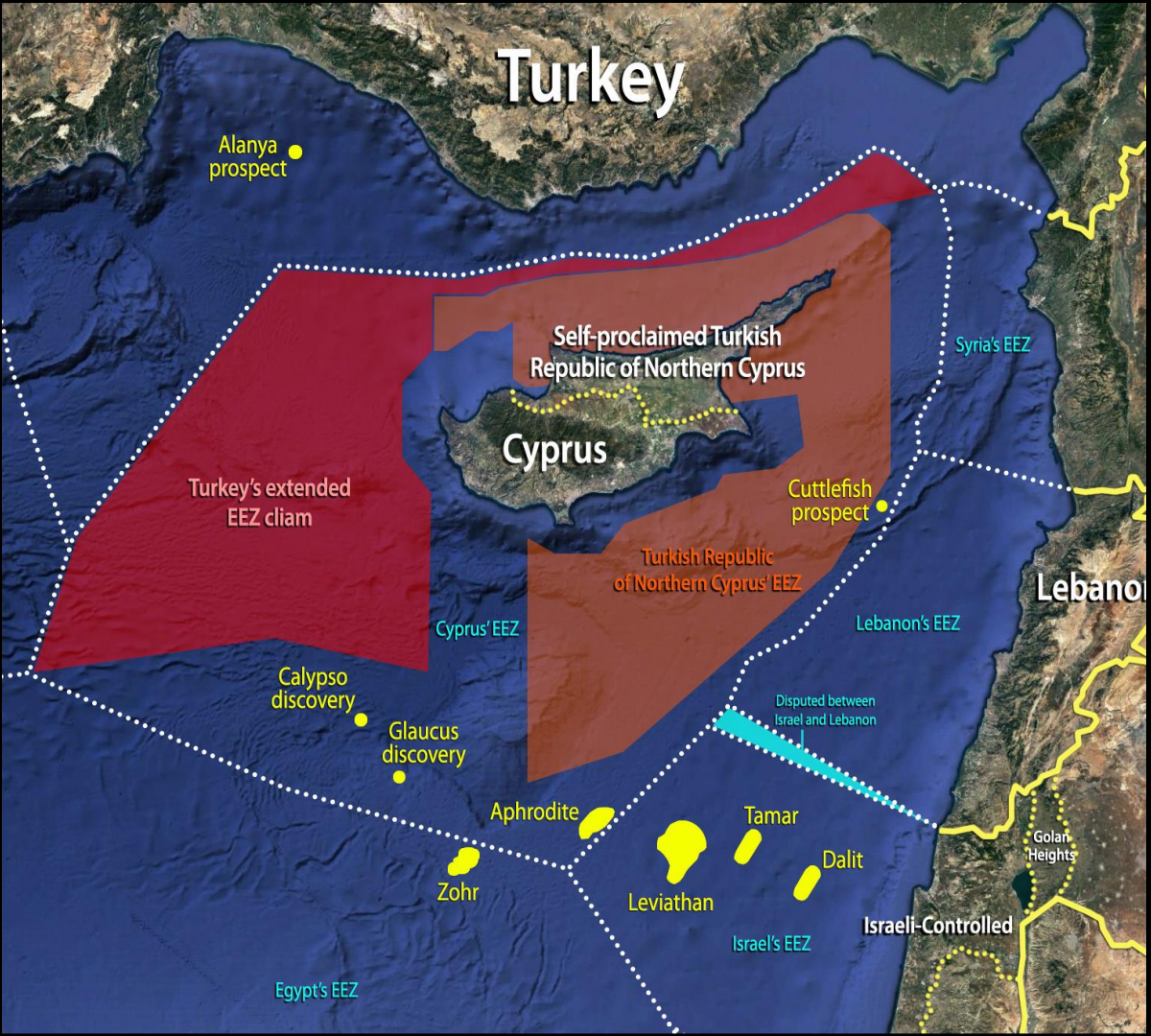
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Turkey

What is all about?

➤ Basis:

Dispute over the maritime economic zones as part of Cyprus-dispute.

➤ Intensification:

May 2019, Turkey's first drilling activities in Cyprus' EEZ.

➤ Formally, EU gets behind its member state Cyprus

Policy outputs



Foreign Affairs Council (15/07/2019)

- Suspension of negotiations on the Comprehensive Air Transport Agreement.
- Suspension of meetings of the Association Council and EU -Turkey high-level dialogues.
- European Investment Bank invited to review its lending activities.

Foreign Affairs Council (11/11/2019)

- Adoption of framework for restrictive measures: travel ban + assetfreeze for individuals or entities.

Statement of the members of the European Council (25/03/ 2021)

- "Double Track Approach"
- Engagement to enhance cooperation in several areas of common interest

Who is exerting Political Leadership?

Firm Standings

- France: Confrontation or Collaboration
- Greece: Suspension of EU's custom union agreement
- Cyprus: Tougher response
- Slovenia: Strong and unanimous support
- Austria: End candidacy and trade preferences

Mild Standings

- Germany: Pragmatic and mediation approach
- Italy: Sustainable approach and equidistance position
- Spain: Dialogue and negotiation
- Malta: Diplomacy support
- Portugal: Diplomatic efforts for mediation



Other Relevant Factors

- **NATO:** Theatre of confrontation
- **UK:** Regulations 2020 (SI 2020/1474)
- **RUSSIA:** Potential Influence on Turkey to stop?
- **USA:** Further sanctions with Biden's mandate?
- **Members of the European Economic Area and Iceland:** To align with EU position

Critical Remarks

**Carrots and
Stick
approach**

**Anti-Turkey
Lobbies in EU**

**Migration
Policy**

**Contrasting
Interest**

**Fragmented
Europe**

**Failed Frank
and Honest
Approach**

**Lack of
Coordination**

**Overlapping
Jurisdiction**

**Lack of
transparency**



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"Last week, the European Council opened what should be a new chapter in EU-Turkey relations."

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Policy Recommendation

- ❑ *Stop deferring issues in hand*
- ❑ *Agree on a new plan*
- ❑ *Decouple cooperation on refugee crisis from accession process*
- ❑ *Increase EU Soft diplomacy policy*
- ❑ *Geographical EU Commission*
- ❑ *Rational Attitude and Win-win strategy*
- ❑ *Realistic and achievable goals*
- ❑ *Informal organizational process*
- ❑ *Organized Hypocrisy*

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