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| Stand-up | Chris off | Turkey´s offensive against Kurdish fighters in northern Syria has sparked calls for stronger pressure on the Turkish government to pull back or face new sanctions. The EU has already imposed an arms embargo on Turkey, and there are new calls to halt EU membership negotiations. Michael Gahler is a member of Parliament´s Foreign Affairs Committee and is the EPP Group´s coordinator on foreign affairs. |  |
| Interview | Michael Gahler, German MEP | *:16**As the entire Parliament, the EPP Group demands an arms embargo in order to tell Turkey clearly that this action is a non-starter. We demand the immediate withdrawal of their troops from Syria.**:58**We´ve also said it would be good if an international UN-led peace mission would be stationed there, which would also give us the opportunity to play an active role on the ground. 1:11* |  |
|  |  | **What kind of aid should the EU halt to Turkey?** |  |
| Interview | Gahler on  | *:42**We are very much in favour of freezing the pre-accession aid and saying clearly only civil society and students in the Erasmus programme furthermore profit from European funding in this regard. :57* |  |
|  |  | **Suspend Turkey´s EU membership talks?**  |  |
| Interview | Gahler on  | *1:46**Any such talks make no sense, to put it very clearly, and we should formally end it, because this country, as we speak, develops further away from the European Union. All this action is by no means compatible with any of our values, our policies, and the objectives that we have for this civil war-struck country Syria. 2:13* |  |
| Headline |  | EU should raise pressure on Turkey over Syria offensive |  |
| Description |  | Turkey´s offensive against Kurdish fighters in northern Syria has drawn widespread criticism, after US troops pulled out from the region earlier this month. At the European Parliament, the EPP Group´s Michael Gahler, a member of the Foreign Affairs Committee and Group coordinator on foreign affairs, is calling for stronger pressure on the Turkish government to pull back or face new sanctions. The EU has already imposed an arms embargo on Turkey, and there are new calls to suspend EU membership negotiations. |  |
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