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## **TURKEY HAS ANSWERS FOR A VULNERABLE EUROPE**

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There could be a historic match between Turkey's defense industry and military capabilities, and a European continent urgently in need of troops and arms.

Facing a possibly existential security challenge, Europe needs to ask swift questions and find immediate solutions. It may not be to everyone's taste given a history of troubled relations, but the continent has an obvious solution staring it in the face — Turkey.

Turkey has European NATO's largest land force, with close to 400,000 ground troops, and double that when reserves are included. It has over 2,000 main battle tanks, close to half those in European NATO, while its naval forces have critical control and leverage over Black Sea shipping lanes.

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