

EUROPEAN EXTERNAL ACTION SERVICE



Brussels,
Ares(2026)1086216

Dear Petitioner,

Thank you for your letter expressing concern regarding developments in North-East Syria and the plight of the Kurdish people.

The EU had called on all parties to immediately cease all hostilities, protect civilians and civilian infrastructure, and facilitate the delivery of humanitarian aid (see statements issued on [10](#), [19](#) and [30](#) January 2026). The EU and its humanitarian partners have already provided assistance where needed and where access is allowed.

The EU has called on the Syrian Transitional Authorities and the Syrian Democratic Forces to fully implement the agreement reached on 29 January, in a spirit of good faith and compromise. The stability of North-East Syria is key for the success of an inclusive political transition in Syria, protecting the rights of all Syrian people.

For this to happen, the integration of military, security, and civilian institutions into unified state structures, alongside meaningful political and local participation, is essential. The full protection of Kurdish rights is also crucial.

The EU remains vigilant about the situation in Syria, including on matters related to human rights, accountability and transitional justice. The EU's engagement with the Syrian Transitional Authorities is steered towards supporting an inclusive political transition and national reconciliation, which fulfils the aspirations of all Syrians without distinction.

Yours sincerely,

Alessio Cappellani

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'A. Cappellani', is located below the printed name.

