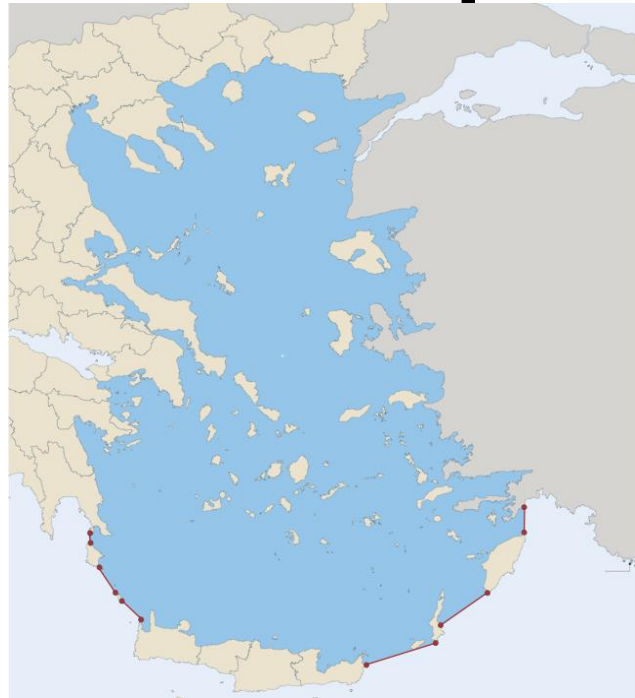


Floating wind farms in the Aegean?

The law of the sea point of view



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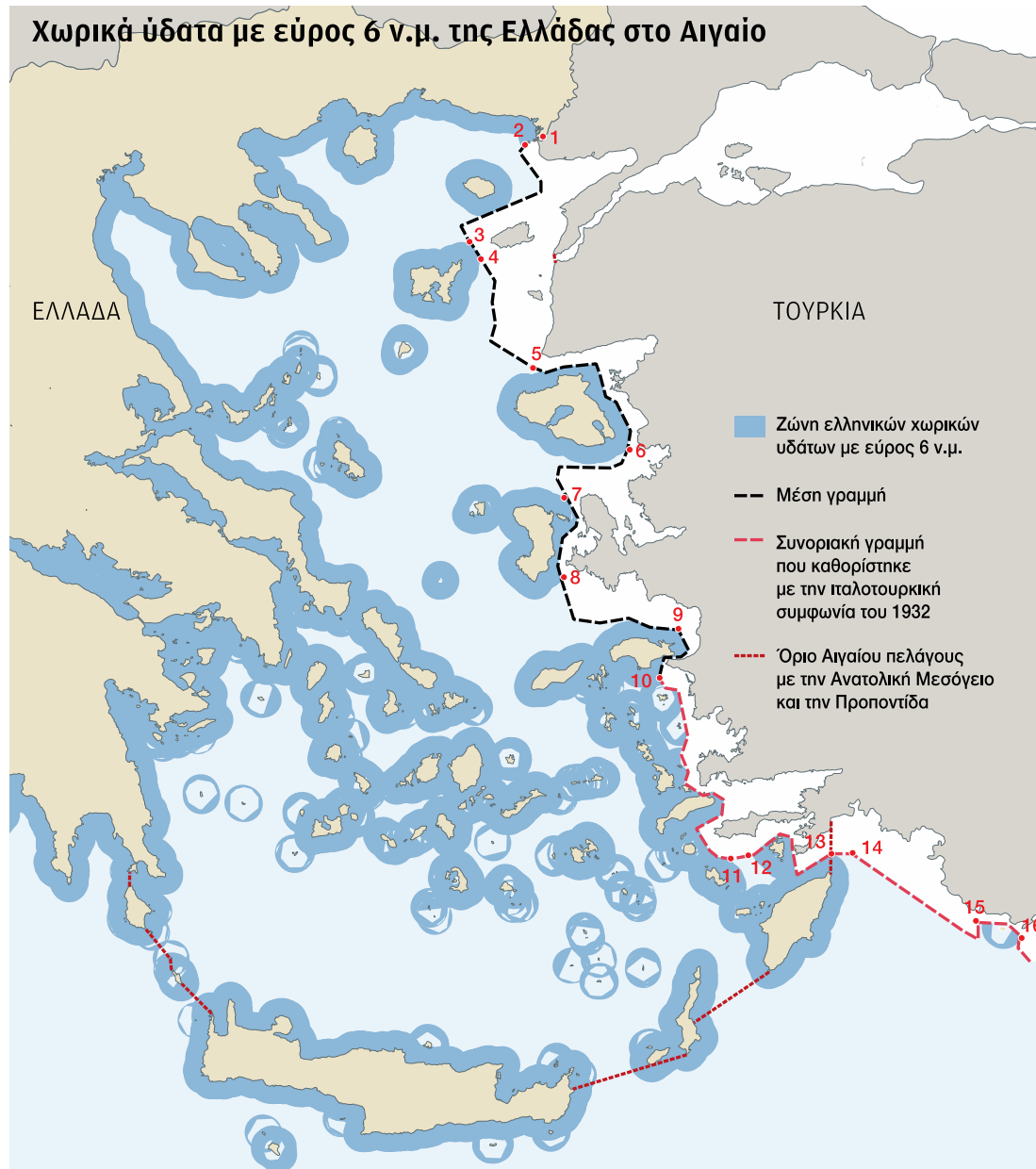
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Present status of the Aegean

- Greece established in 1936 a territorial sea of 6 n. miles
- Turkey established in 1964 a territorial sea of 6 n. miles

Both countries have continental shelves but have not declared EEZs

6 n.miles territorial sea in the Aegean

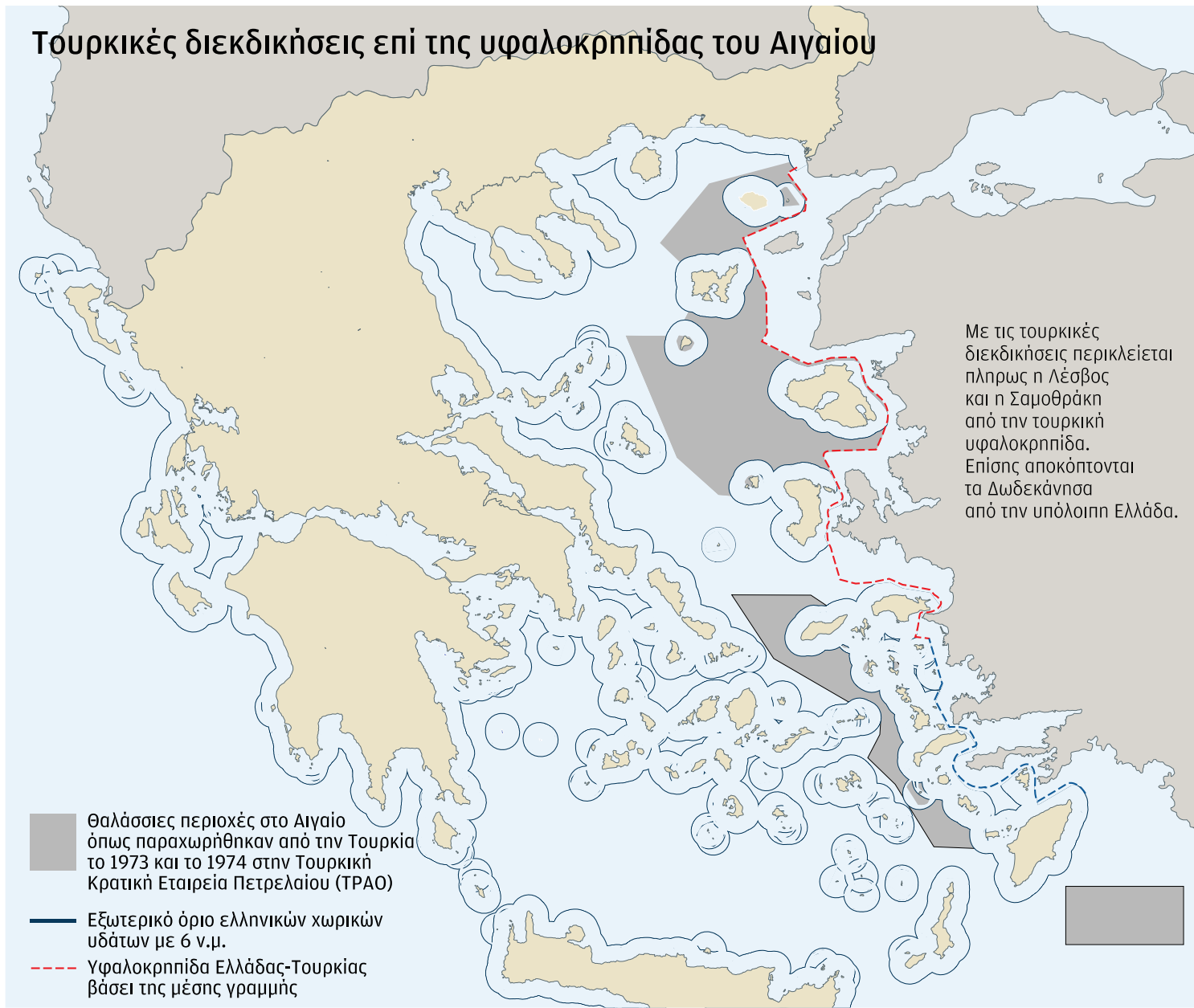


The Aegean Continental shelf



Turkish claims in the Aegean

Τουρκικές διεκδικήσεις επί της υφαλοκρηπίδας του Αιγαίου



UNCLOS & the Aegean

- Greece has ratified the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea – UNCLOS (Montego Bay, 1982) in 1995
- Turkey is not a signatory state of UNCLOS and considers that the Aegean is a semi-enclosed sea where the rules of UNCLOS do not apply

The Regime of the EEZ

- According to article 55 of Unclos the exclusive economic zone ('EEZ') is “an area beyond and adjacent to the territorial sea” subject to a special legal regime.
- Under article 57 of Unclos the EEZ does not extend beyond 200 nautical miles from the baselines from which the breadth of the territorial sea is measured (i.e. from the coast line).

Article 60 of Unclos

1. In the exclusive economic zone, the coastal State shall have the exclusive right to construct and to authorize and regulate the construction, operation and use of:...(b) installations and structures for the purposes provided for in article 56 and other economic purposes;

2. The coastal State shall have exclusive jurisdiction over such ... installations and structures...

UNCLOS & safety zones

4. The coastal State may, where necessary, establish reasonable safety zones around such ... installations and structures in which it may take appropriate measures to ensure the safety both of navigation and of the ... installations and structures.

5. The breadth of the safety zones shall be determined by the coastal State.... Such zones shall ... reasonably related to the nature and function of the ... installations or structures, and shall not exceed a distance of 500 metres around them...

Art. 60 of UNCLOS

7. ... installations and structures and the safety zones around them may not be established where interference may be caused to the use of recognized sea lanes essential to international navigation.

Main sea
lanes in the
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