

**Question for written answer E-011168/2014
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Downgrading of the National School of Public Administration and Local Government, which is financed by European funds

The EU finances the education expenses of the National School of Public Administration and Local Government (ESDDA), whose mission is to create highly specialised public sector executives. In this way, the EU leverages the Structural Funds' resources, in order to enhance the quality of the Greek public administration.

Two recent laws by the Greek government hinder and cancel the effort made by the EU:

- a) Law no. 4275/2014 enables political heads to place persons of their choice in positions of responsibility within the central public administration, arbitrarily and without any guarantees as to whether they are the most highly qualified and skilled (Article 5, paragraph 1, sections (a) and (b)); as a result, ESDDA graduates are prevented from climbing the hierarchical ladder;
- b) Through Law no. 4305/2014, a new stage in the recruitment process has been adopted, regarding knowledge and skills, which is "equivalent to the EU's recruitment process", for the implementation of which the necessary ministerial decision has not been issued; therefore, there is a risk that the next competition will be conducted with low quality prerequisites.

Will the Commission say:

- Which initiatives does it intend to undertake, in order to ensure the results for which it finances the specific institution (ESDDA) will be achieved, with the aim of enhancing the quality of the Greek public administration's executive staff?