

Question for written answer E-001792/2015
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Compensation by the Commission to relatives of thousands of Greeks who committed suicide as a result of austerity measures imposed on Greece by the Troika under the memoranda

According to a study compiled by Greek and American scientists and published in the British Medical Journal (BMJ Open), the suicide rate in Greece rose by at least 1/3 as a result of the austerity measures imposed by the Troika and the Greek government in June 2011 under the memoranda.

The study is entitled 'The impact of economic austerity and prosperity events on suicide in Greece: a 30-year interrupted time-series analysis'. It sets out monthly suicide statistics for Greece from 1983 to 2012 and notes that the number of suicides rose by an average of 35.7 % in the months after June 2011, compared to the average of previous months.

It is clear beyond doubt from the above study that the radical increase in suicides committed in Greece was caused by the austerity measures imposed under the memoranda.

In view of the above, will the Commission say, as a member of the Troika:

1. Does it intend to persist with the austerity policy imposed on Greece under the memoranda?
2. What measures does it intend to take to compensate the relatives of thousands of my Greek compatriots who committed suicide as a result of the austerity policy imposed by the Troika under the memoranda?