

Question for written answer E-005858/2015
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Responsibility of the Commission, as a member of the troika, with respect to the implementation of the cruel financial adjustment programme agreed under the Memorandum, which impoverishes Greek citizens in Heraklion

The cruel financial adjustment programme imposed on Greece by the troika under the Memorandum resulted, among others, in our country's humanitarian crisis and contributed to the impoverishment of Greek citizens in Heraklion, Crete.

According to a conference organised by the Chamber of Heraklion on fighting poverty and social inequality in the Municipality of Heraklion, 4 500 families and 10 000 individuals live on the poverty line in the Municipality of Heraklion alone, while in Crete these numbers are estimated at 7 500 and 16 000 respectively. During the conference, the absence of a national strategy, as well as the terrifying lack of resources to deal with the problem, were demonstrated.

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

1. Does it insist that this destructive and cruel financial adjustment programme – which was imposed on Greece and resulted in the impoverishment of Greek citizens in Heraklion, as well as throughout the country – be continued?
2. What measures does it intend to take, in cooperation with Greek authorities, to fight poverty and social exclusion in Heraklion, and in Crete as a whole?