

**Question for written answer E-006238/2015**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
**Notis Marias (ECR)**

Subject: EIB and EU funding for improving the operational efficiency of the N. Kazantzakis Airport in Heraklion

The N. Kazantzakis Airport in Heraklion is the third busiest in Greece in terms of passenger numbers. Thousands of EU tourists make use of the airport facilities which are, however, greatly overstretched and insufficient to meet increasing passenger demand.

The minister responsible under the previous government announced in November 2014 that the European Investment Bank had earmarked EUR 15 million for measures to improve the operational efficiency of the airport.

However, nothing has been done to carry out the infrastructural works urgently needed to achieve this.

In view of this:

1. What action can the Commission take, in cooperation with the Greek authorities, to help secure EIB funding to improve the operational efficiency of the N. Kazantzakis Airport?
2. What funding can it provide under EU programmes for the infrastructural works necessary to improve the operational efficiency of the N. Kazantzakis Airport?