Question for written answer E-008890/2015 to the Commission Rule 130 Eva Kaili (S&D)

Subject: NSRF

Hundreds of road, rail, port, sewerage, health and business projects have now been left without funding following the suspension of payments by Greece. The resulting delays are jeopardising funding of around EUR 1 billion from the old NSRF and compromising projects to be funded under the new one. This has also led to the suspension of EU funding and it is no coincidence that the level of EU funding requested by Greece for 2015 has been no more than EUR 150 million.

The programme finished in 2014, the project implementation deadline being the end of 2015. The risk of forfeiting funding under the current NSRF is therefore obvious. The Commission will allow expenditure up to 2016 only for projects completed this year, a total balance of EUR 3 billion being still outstanding from the period 2007-2014 to be used by Greece.

In view of this:

- Can the Commission say how the parlous state of Greek finances is affecting the take-up of NSRF funding?
- Will it introduce special facilities for countries that have fallen behind on project funding under the previous NSRF and, if so, what facilities?

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