

Question for written answer E-009019/2015
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Increased risks for Greek citizens arising from public health cuts imposed by the Troika

Article 168 TFEU states that Union action, which shall complement national policies, shall be directed towards improving public health, preventing physical and mental illness and diseases and obviating sources of danger to physical and mental health.

In Greece, the public health sector, which finds itself in serious difficulties as a result of memorandum policies, is now sounding the alarm.

To be more precise, hospitals are running desperately short of supplies and funds for the maintenance of medical equipment. Food for patients is in short supply and hospital staff numbers are diminishing dramatically, as those remaining struggle to cope with as many patients as possible.

Another major problem is the shortage of medicines in hospitals and pharmacies, placing the health of patients seriously at risk. At the same time, the prices of generic medicines in Greece are among the highest in Europe, compared with the price of equivalent medicines abroad

In view of this:

Will the Commission, as a member of the Troika, continue to support its failed policies and insist on health cuts, thereby endangering the health of Greek citizens?.