

Question for written answer E-007332/2016
to the Commission
Rule 130
Notis Marias (ECR)

Subject: Allocation of EU funds for the management of municipal waste in the Peloponnese Region

The municipal waste management infrastructure in the Peloponnese is poor to non-existent in most regional units. The situation is out of control, as the waste ends up either in landfills that are now full or, in most cases, in areas of uncontrolled landfill. The above situation results in destructive fires which are dangerous to public health.

Given that critical decisions on dealing with this problem are still pending and that these decisions, because of their gravity, lead executives in the local authorities, the municipalities and the Solid Waste Management Operator (FODSA) for the Peloponnese into fruitless polemics, and given the importance attached to issues of environmental protection, waste management, and the enhancement of the circular economy in the European Union:

- What additional funds can the Commission allocate and within what timescale for dealing with municipal waste management issues, such as in the Region of Peloponnese?
- What other initiatives will it take in cooperation with the competent national authorities to improve the absorption of existing funds with a view to solving the above municipal waste management issues?