

Question for written answer E-009683/2016
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Measures to support large families

According to the relevant data, during the five years of the 'Memoranda', 2011-2015, deaths in Greece exceeded births by 110 000. A survey conducted by the University of Thessaly's Laboratory of Demographic and Social Analysis has determined that the population of Greece in 2050 is expected to be between 8.3 and 10 million, which represents a decline of between 800 000 and 2.5 million compared to today.

Even though Greece is being transformed into a country of old people and the demographic problem in our country is greater than ever, the government has decided once again to target large families and their children. Article 25 of the Bill of the Ministry of Administrative Reconstruction: 'Single System of Mobility in Public Administration and Local Government' provides that the government shall reduce the rate of recruitment under Law. 2190/1994 from 20% to 15% without any justification being given. It should be noted that this law has no financial impact on the State since the posts are filled via ASEP (Central Staff Recruitment Board in Greece) competitions.

Article 33 of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights and the provisions of the European Social Charter recognise that the family has the right to special protection to ensure its full development.

In view of the above and the **European Alliance for Families**, what steps will the Commission take to support large families in Greece?