

Question for written answer E-000465/2017
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Implementation by Greece of the judgment of the Court of Justice of the European Union in Case C-418/13 relating to supply teachers

The memorandums of understanding and the austerity measures adopted in Greece have caused the literal collapse of public education services, each year leaving schools with the major problem of teaching staff shortages.

No permanent teaching posts have been filled for many years, with the result that schools are being forced to recruit between 20 000 and 25 000 supply teachers every year and, far from being an exception, supply teachers now make up over 25% of teaching staff.

Moreover, the Greek Government is continuing to disregard the judgment of the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU) in case C-418/13 to the effect that the exploitation of 'armies' of supply teachers by an EU Member State infringes the rights of teachers and does nothing to prevent the abuse of successive fixed-term employment contracts.

Despite an appeal by the Greek Government, the Court of Justice, for its part, ruled that Greece was bound by the framework agreement of 18 March 1999 concerning fixed-term work, which contained no exemptions for any particular sector and accordingly applied to staff recruitment in the education sector.

In view of this:

What measures will the Commission take to ensure the immediate implementation by Greece of the above CJEU ruling?