

**Question for written answer E-002617/2013
to the Commission**
Rule 117
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Subject: EUROGENDFOR III

On 24 January 2013, the *New Statesman* magazine reported that in Greece, during the past few weeks, offices of the governing parties and homes of pro-government journalists have been firebombed and the headquarters of the Prime Minister's conservative New Democracy party sprayed with machine-gun fire, and that, days later, a bomb exploded at a shopping mall belonging to the country's second wealthiest citizen.

A former Greek Ambassador, Leonidas Chrysanthopoulos, predicts that an 'explosion' of civil unrest will occur when retroactive and sizeable tax bills come due in the coming months.

The Greek army has reportedly promised not to intervene, and the Greek government has turned to private security firms rather than trust the underpaid Greek police to keep order.

There have been significant demonstrations against the political system and energy prices in Bulgaria.

How many EUROGENDFOR officers and men are available for deployment to Greece and/or Bulgaria within: a) 48 hours; b) 7 days; c) one month?