

**Question for written answer E-007490/2017
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Construction along the shoreline

According to Article 5.3 of Greek Law 4179/13, construction in Greece is now permitted at 50 and 30 m from the shoreline, and not restricted to 100 m as provided for by the Protocol on Integrated Coastal Zone Management in the Mediterranean (ICZM). This Protocol is legally binding on the European Union. Article 8.2 stipulates that the 100 m can be adjusted, in a manner in line with the objectives and principles of the Protocol, for projects of public interest or in areas with unique geographical or other local limitations, particularly related to population density or social needs, when construction of individual homes, urban development or economic development are regulated by national legal means.

The Commission is asked:

- Is Law 4179/13, and Article 5.3 specifically, consistent with the objectives and principles of the Protocol?
- Does it believe that the building types listed under Article 5.3 of Law 4179/13 can be classified as projects of public interest in accordance with Article 8.2 of the Protocol, or that the horizontal character of the provisions in Article 5.3 is pursuant to the same article which outlines specific criteria for eligible areas?
- What actions does the Commission intend to take in this regard?