

**Question for written answer E-000477/2019
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Protection of UNESCO heritage sites in Greece.

Greece has a long list of UNESCO World Heritage sites. The ancient city of Philippi, an archaeological site situated at the historic crossroads between Ancient Greece, Rome and the Byzantine and Ottoman empires, has recently been added. The Commission has stressed the particular importance of interregional programmes and cross-border cooperation in efforts to protect and promote the European cultural heritage, including this particular site, which was a major hub. Both Kavala and Philippi were important stations on the route taken by the Apostle Paul from Samothrace to Amphipolis, Thessaloniki, Veria and finally Athens and Corinth during a period that was of particular importance for our shared Christian and historical tradition.

In view of this:

What contribution can the Commission make to the conservation and promotion of UNESCO World Heritage Sites?

Can it support international actions and initiatives to raise awareness of international heritage sites?