

**Question for written answer E-001695/2019
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Quality of education in Greece

Funding for education in Greece's state budget fell from EUR 7.75 billion in 2010 to EUR 5.65 billion in 2017. This has led to mergers of educational units and a reduction in the number of teaching staff at all levels of public education.

The result is shoddy and, often, unsuitable building infrastructure, huge gaps in the logistical infrastructure, understaffing and enormous shortcomings that prevent schools from functioning properly.

In view of the above, will the Commission say:

1. Does it consider that education, which is a public good, as provided for in the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the EU (Article 14), can be protected, given the dominant neoliberal policies implemented by successive Greek governments at the behest of the Memorandums and the EU?
2. Does it consider that pupils in Greece have the same access to quality education as those in other EU Member States?