

**Question for written answer E-003916/2020
to the Commission**

Rule 138

Dimitrios Papadimoulis (GUE/NGL)

Subject: European Semester e-Conference on Greece

The Commission, in cooperation with the Foundation for Economic and Industrial Research (IOBE), is organising a European Semester e-Conference on Greece ¹ on 1 and 2 July to debate the crucial policies needed to ensure a resilient and sustainable return to growth. Among the topics to be discussed are the European Green Deal, digital transformation and employment in the post-pandemic era.

However, despite the participation of Commissioners, government officials and representatives, Commission officials, journalists, academics, etc., the absence of social partners, workers' representatives, SMEs and the civil society, the opposition, environmental organisations and other bodies, is palpable.

This absence cultivates the image of an incomplete and one-dimensional approach to these critical issues which are of concern to all citizens and play a decisive role in the future of Greece and Europe. At the same time, it calls into question declarations made by the Commission in favour of active, substantive and non-exclusive dialogue with citizens, workers and all stakeholders in important policy areas.

Can the Commission say:

1. Why could not all stakeholders participate and be represented so that there could be an open and global dialogue?
2. What measures does it intend to take to ensure that all stakeholders can actively participate in such discussions in the future?

¹ https://ec.europa.eu/info/events/european-semester-e-conference-greece-2020-jul-01_en,
http://iobe.gr/EC_Conference2020/