

**Question for written answer E-005103/2021
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Doubts on Greece's compliance with EU law in the processing of asylum applications

Although Turkey has not accepted any asylum readmissions since March 2020, Greece continues to reject nationals from Syria, Afghanistan, Somalia, Pakistan and Bangladesh on the basis that Turkey is a 'safe third country' for them. At the same time, in its answer to Written Question P-000604/2021, the Commission reiterated that Article 38(4) of the Asylum Procedures Directive (APD) provides that 'where the third country does not permit the applicant to enter its territory, Member States shall ensure that access to [an asylum] procedure is given. In line with that provision, applicants whose application has been declared inadmissible are therefore able to apply again'.

1. How many subsequent applications have been filed by persons whose initial asylum application were rejected on the basis that Turkey is a safe third country for them?
2. In how many of these cases did Greece apply Article 38(4) APD? Is Article 23 of Greek Law 4825/2021, which establishes an EUR 100 fee for the submission of a second subsequent application compatible with Article 38(4) APD?
3. Is the rejection of such subsequent applications as inadmissible, on the basis that no new elements have been put forward by the applicant in relation to Turkey being a safe third country, compatible with Article 38(4) APD?