

**Question for written answer E-000515/2022/rev.1
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Approval of unscientific and homophobic educational content and EU funding for bodies responsible

The Greek Education Ministry has approved the screening to upper secondary school pupils of a programme produced by the 'Hellenic Prenatal Education Association', which propounds a number of unscientific theories regarding women's rights to bodily autonomy and the 'unborn child', disseminating misinformation regarding sexuality, fertility and parenthood, inculcating women, challenging the right to abortion and fostering homophobia¹. The programme also undermines fundamental EU principles and values², such as the prohibition of discrimination on the grounds of gender or sexual orientation, as well as running counter to key EU gender equality goals³, such as combating gender stereotypes, and to its LGBTI equality strategy 2020-2025⁴. Having provoked strong objections, the programme was subsequently withdrawn⁵. It has also emerged that, in 2012, the Greek Government included in the NSRF 2007-2013 two programmes produced by the above association⁶, which had already been disseminating such content in 2011 in a pamphlet bearing Education Ministry and Grundtvig programme logos⁷.

In view of this:

1. How can the Commission help halt the approval of programmes that are in direct breach of fundamental EU principles and policies?
2. Is it aware that the Greek Government has been channelling EU funding into the above association?
3. What measures will it take to ensure that organisations and initiatives opposed to declared EU values and policies do not receive EU funding?

¹ https://tvxs.gr/news/ellada/i-theoria-toy-agennitoy-paidioy-sta-sxoleia-me-sfragida-kerameos?fbclid=IwAR0MLzDofCzVS9u9E_F2__SxGHwBaMVIkPCu2cvApMr0q-42wiJcqsP69Ck

² Βλ. άρθρο 21 του Χάρτη Θεμελιωδών Δικαιωμάτων της ΕΕ

³ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EL/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A52020DC0152>

⁴ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/el/TXT/?uri=CELEX:52020DC0698>

⁵ <https://dide.lef.sch.gr/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/%CE%91%CE%9D%CE%91%CE%9A%CE%9B%CE%97%CE%A3%CE%97-%CE%95%CE%93%CE%9A%CE%A5%CE%9A%CE%9B%CE%99%CE%9F%CE%A5.pdf>

⁶ <https://diavgeia.gov.gr/doc/%CE%9241%CE%A7%CE%9B-%CE%9A%CE%92%CE%97?inline=true>

<https://diavgeia.gov.gr/doc/%CE%9241%CE%9A%CE%9B-%CE%99%CE%9B%CE%A3?inline=true>

⁷ https://midwives.gr/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/%CE%A0%CF%81%CE%BF%CE%B3%CE%B5%CE%BD%CE%BD%CE%B7%CF%84%CE%B9%CE%BA%CE%B7%CC%81-%CE%91%CE%B3%CF%89%CE%B3%CE%B7%CC%81.pdf?fbclid=IwAR2zgoDzjgAzbuVvQ_rg4Rsb6OVGUuKxquuJdKE3r1KAWLNP5Bi6EKvL2cPk