

**Question for written answer E-000788/2022  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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**Subject:** Major shortcomings and weaknesses in the implementation in Greece of directives on the prevention of money laundering

On 10 January, Commissioner McGuinness wrote to the Greek Minister of Finance seeking answers to numerous questions raised in the Council of Europe report on the implementation of anti-money laundering legislation in Greece<sup>1</sup>. According to the report, insufficient means are being made available to identify and monitor politically exposed persons. Moreover, the register of ownership is neither fully operational nor sufficiently funded, while the anti-money laundering authority is understaffed and insufficiently autonomous. Inspections based on risk criteria are inadequate and only spot checks are being carried out. Neither the Bank of Greece nor the Hellenic Capital Market Commission are imposing adequate or sufficiently deterrent penalties. The report also expresses concerns about the adequacy of internal controls in non-financial firms and related activities and limited exercise of due diligence by lawyers, real estate agents, accountants, certified auditors and tax advisors.

In view of this:

Can the Commission say whether it has received any replies from the Greek Government and whether they are regarded as sufficient or whether additional measures are necessary? If so what needs to be done?

What measures does it plan to take and when to address the shortcomings identified in the report?

Does it intend to launch infringement procedures against those Member States that have not effectively transposed the anti-money laundering directives?

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.newsbomb.gr/oikonomia/story/1272601/apantiseis-gia-to-xeplyma-xrimatos-zita-i-komision-apo-tin-ellada-epistoloi-makgkines-se-staikoyra>, <https://new.fox-24.com/news/194059.html>