

Question for written answer E-002182/2022
to the Commission
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Subject: Sustainability measures at the expense of working people

The government and EU authorities are being particularly reticent about the fact that, under the terms of Regulation (EU) No 473/2013, Member States such as Greece that have received loans from the European Stability Mechanism will not emerge from EU stewardship until they have repaid 75% of their loans, which is an extremely distant prospect.

The monitoring and surveillance of Greek economic policy under the terms dictated by the long-term 'memorandums', effectively serving business interests at the expense of working people, looks set to continue sine diem. The European Semester recommendations for individual countries, together with the new Recovery Fund and Resilience and Recovery Facility 'super-memorandum', are designed to boost corporate profits at the expense of working people as part of the 'green and digital transition'.

In the light of this:

1. What view does the Commission take of the fact that, while the Greek Government is announcing the emergence of Greece from enhanced EU stewardship, implying fiscal relaxation and an easing of oppressive austerity, the restrictions being imposed by the European Semester, the Recovery and Resilience Facility and the Recovery Fund surveillance requirements are actually having the opposite effect?
2. What view does it take of the constantly increasing hardship faced by wage earners and working people, who contribute 95% of the state revenue and now find themselves burdened with public debt repayment and the need to secure a return to primary surpluses with blood sweat and tears?