Question for written answer E-002227/2022 to the Commission Rule 138

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Subject: Lack of a consultation process in the urban development plans included in the Greek

National Recovery and Resilience Plan

The Greek National Recovery and Resilience Plan envisages funding a wide program of urban development plans ranging from the completion of local urban plan units to the characterisation of municipal roads and the completion of special urban plans. However, these plans present notable incompatibilities with the Recovery and Resilience Facility Regulation, which requires Member States to present a summary of the consultation process with local and regional authorities, social partners, civil society organisations, youth organisations and other relevant stakeholders and demonstrate how the input of the stakeholders is reflected in the plan, because the plans were designed without the appropriate consultation and involvement of local authorities. In addition, the relevant projects fail to comply with existing laws and regulations. Finally, the tendering process for these projects seems highly questionable in terms of compatibility with the EU public procurement framework and the relevant Commission guidance note, as the selection criteria seem arbitrary while effectively impeding the participation of firms from other Member States.

Is the Commission willing to thoroughly investigate the above cases and request reimbursement of any related payments?