

**Question for written answer E-003796/2022
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Smart city prospects for Thessaloniki

According to the survey 'Fit for the Future Cities: How technology can accelerate sustainable change', which was carried out in 10 European countries with a view to the digitalisation of cities at European level, urgent measures are needed for the successful achievement of the Commission's ambitious plan for 100 climate-neutral and smart cities by 2030. According to this survey, only 10% of Greek cities belong to the 'Front-Runner' category, 25% are classified as 'Pathfinder' and another 25% have made digitisation one of their political priorities in view of its acknowledged benefits.¹²

In view of this:

1. Is the Commission aware of the findings of this research and what actions will it take to achieve its objective of creating 100 climate-neutral and smart cities by 2030?
2. How much EU funding is available for use by Thessaloniki to develop more effectively into a smart city and what financial instruments can be jointly channelled in this direction?

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¹ <https://csnews.gr/57219>

² <https://www.businessnews.gr/epixeiriseis/tecnologia/item/247228-molis-1-stis-10-ellinikes-poleis-einai-psifiaka-orimes>