

**Question for written answer E-001170/2023
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Freezing of EU funding for recycling centres in Greece

Reports have been appearing in the Greek press¹ regarding a letter from Elisa Ferreira, Commissioner for Cohesion and Reforms, to the Greek Minister for Development and Investment, which contains a number of pointed observations concerning the management of EU funding for recycling incentive schemes in Greece. More to the point, following an exchange of correspondence between the EU and Greek officials concerned, the Commissioner has announced the suspension of EU funding for this project pending an assessment of its efficiency, effectiveness and value for money and the final resolution of outstanding issues. As a result, requests for reimbursement will not be met and will not be considered in the context of subsequent claims. At the same time, she has apparently instructed the EU officials responsible to inform the Greek administration what further action to take to ensure the rational, efficient and cost-effective use of EU funding.

In view of this:

1. Can the Commission give the specific reasons for the freezing of funding and indicate what particular risks have been identified?
2. Which areas are affected by the issues identified and over what period of time? What was the amount of the funding involved?
3. What further action does the Commissioner have in mind?

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¹ https://www.efsyn.gr/ellada/koinonia/385337_pagos-apo-tin-komision-sta-spitakia-anakyklosis,
<https://www.news247.gr/politiki/syriza-skandalo-ekatommyrion-stin-anakyklosi-me-ypografi-georgiadi-epistolikolafos-tis-komision.10002949.html>