

**Question for written answer E-001994/2023  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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**Subject:** State of implementation of Local and Special Urban Plans funded by the Recovery and Resilience Facility

The project '(Sub. 1) Local Urban Plans (LUP) — (Sub. 2) Special Urban Plans (SUP)' is funded by the Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF)<sup>1</sup> and has a total allocated budget of €340 million. It involves, among other things, the completion of Local Urban Plans in 700 municipal units as well as the completion of 5 Special Urban Plans. Scientific bodies such as the Greek Association of Urban and Regional Planners have flagged failings, contradictions and delays that are causing spatial planning projects to stall, with the risk that they may not be completed on time<sup>2</sup>. The Greek Ministry for Environment and Energy has confirmed that, as at 8 June 2023, contracts had been signed for just 7 project studies/surveys<sup>3</sup>. This is a long way off from the targets set in the funding decision, i.e. 30% of all contracts to be allocated by the fourth quarter of 2022 and 100% of all contracts to be allocated by the fourth quarter of 2023.

In view of this:

1. Is the Commission aware of the significant delays that are jeopardising the successful completion of the urban planning project as a whole by the fourth quarter of 2025?
2. How does it intend to ensure that the urban planning reform, in the form of the Local Urban Plans, progresses smoothly and is completed on time, with the relevant presidential decrees being issued?
3. Which provisions/obligations, from the acceptance of the studies/surveys to the stage where the national presidential decrees are issued, will be fulfilled after the RRF deadline?

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<sup>1</sup> [https://greece20.gov.gr/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/187.-Apofasi-entaksis-ergou\\_Topika\\_Eidika-Poleodomika-sxedia\\_16879\\_5164832.pdf](https://greece20.gov.gr/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/187.-Apofasi-entaksis-ergou_Topika_Eidika-Poleodomika-sxedia_16879_5164832.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> <https://sepox.gr/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/%CE%A3%CE%95%CE%A0%CE%9F%CE%A7-2023.05.12-%CE%A5%CF%80%CF%8C%CE%BC%CE%BD%CE%B7%CE%BC%CE%B1-%CE%B3%CE%B9%CE%B1-%CF%87%CF%89%CF%81%CE%B9%CE%BA%CF%8C-%CF%83%CF%87%CE%B5%CE%B4%CE%B9%CE%B1%CF%83%CE%BC%CF%8C.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> <https://sepox.gr/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/%CE%91%CE%A0%CE%91%CE%9D%CE%A4%CE%97%CE%A3%CE%97-%CE%A3%CE%95%CE%A0%CE%9F%CE%A7-%CE%93%CE%99%CE%91-.pdf>