

**Question for written answer E-002624/2023  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Opaque procedures for modification of the Greek recovery and resilience plan

On 31 August 2023, the Greek Government submitted to the Commission its proposal for modification of the Greek recovery and resilience plan.<sup>1</sup> The proposal for modification was submitted with no advance notice or consultation. Instead, during the Greek Parliament's summer recess and suspension of proceedings, an eight-page text of general guidelines was posted,<sup>2</sup> containing no information whatsoever about the projects being removed from the national plan. According to press reports,<sup>3</sup> these are projects to a value of EUR 800 million, including the 5G corridors that were to be developed in the national road network, electronic tolls, the upgrading of the rail network in northern Greece, water projects and even flood-prevention works. This is despite the huge disasters that have already occurred following extensive wildfires throughout the country and the fact that the Commission had already called on Greece in 2022 to update flood hazard maps and flood risk maps as required by Directive 2007/60/EC.

In view of this:

1. Will the Commission say how many and what specific projects are being removed from the Greek recovery and resilience plan, what projects are being incorporated to replace them and what are the Greek Government's arguments for removing each of them?
2. Will it release the proposal for modification publicly, since the Greek Government refuses to publish it?
3. Does it consider that the consultation requirements laid down in the regulation have been met in respect of the recovery and resilience plan?

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<sup>1</sup> <https://greece20.gov.gr/katatethike-stin-ee-i-anatheorisi-toy-ethnikoy-schedioy-anakampsis-kai-anthektikotitas-ellada-2-0/>, [https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/mex\\_23\\_4307](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/mex_23_4307)

<sup>2</sup> [http://www.opengov.gr/minfin/wp-content/uploads/downloads/2023/07/Κατευθύνσεις-Αναθεώρησης-του-Εθνικού-Σχεδίου-Ανάκαμψης-και-Ανθεκτικότητας\\_Ελλάδα\\_2\\_0.pdf](http://www.opengov.gr/minfin/wp-content/uploads/downloads/2023/07/Κατευθύνσεις-Αναθεώρησης-του-Εθνικού-Σχεδίου-Ανάκαμψης-και-Ανθεκτικότητας_Ελλάδα_2_0.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.kathimerini.gr/economy/562589212/arrythmies-sto-tameio-anakampsis-kovontai-erga-800-ekatommyrion/>