

Question for written answer E-003464/2023
to the Commission
Rule 138
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Subject: Recovery plan funds squandered on plugging holes in the Greek land registry

In contravention of the Civil Code and the Code of Notaries, the Greek Government has launched a tendering procedure and earmarked EUR 200 million from the recovery plan in an attempt to cover the shortcomings of and deficiencies in the Greek land registry by introducing electronic (intangible) deeds. The Greek Government is seeking, within four months and without any thorough planning, to introduce an electronic system for the processing and signing of deeds with a view to patching over the deficiencies in the Greek land registry. In doing so, it fails to take into account the very serious risks to transaction security bearing in mind that intangible deeds will be signed remotely, making it impossible for notaries to verify the legal capacity of the contracting parties. It should be noted that all countries that have introduced the partially electronic notarisation of transactions did so upon completion of their respective national land registries and after careful planning, so as to ensure the reliability of transactions.

In view of this:

Does the Commission approve of EU funds being squandered on promoting the agenda of the Greek Government, which abolishes overnight the existing procedure for signing and drawing up deeds, when the Greek land registry has not yet been completed in all parts of the country?

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