

**Question for written answer E-003579/2023**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 138  
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**Subject:** Protecting Thessaloniki's listed neoclassical buildings

Thessaloniki risks losing 200 stately buildings featuring elaborate decorative architecture to demolition. These buildings are the last remaining traces of the great architectural heritage of the 19th and 20th centuries and have been classed as listed buildings. Most of them are located on Vasilissis Olgas Avenue and their private owners have left them to go to rack and ruin because of the exorbitant maintenance and repair costs, which disincentivise their conservation<sup>1</sup>.

Given that economic support for the conservation of remarkable buildings was already foreseen by the Granada Convention and that the EU and European civil society have devised a series of policies for the conservation of architectural heritage through the Prague Manifesto, the New European Bauhaus initiative, the European Cultural Heritage Green Paper and the Renovate Europe programme,

can the Commission answer the following:

1. Based on the information it has at its disposal, what progress is being made with regard to the conservation of architectural heritage in Europe and in Greece, in particular?
2. What EU funding can be used to maintain Greece's listed neoclassical buildings in the current programming period and what proportion of these funds has been used to date?

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.voria.gr/article/giati-rimazoyn-dekades-neoklasika-ktiria-tis-thessalonikis>