

**Question for written answer E-000150/2024
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Investigations into allegations of pushbacks by the Greek authorities

According to the Commission, '[t]he competence to investigate cases of alleged pushbacks lies with national authorities. In this context, the Greek authorities informed the Commission of measures taken to ensure compliance with fundamental rights. This includes internal control procedures, investigations by independent authorities, and the possibility of Public Prosecutors to investigate allegations. The Commission will continue working with the Greek authorities to monitor the progress made'¹. The Commission has also stated that 'these investigations should be carried out swiftly, transparently, and independently by the competent authorities' and that 'any wrongdoing identified should be prosecuted accordingly'².

In the light of the Commission's commitment to monitor the progress on such investigations in Greece:

1. Since 2020, how many investigations into pushback allegations have been opened by Greek public prosecutors, and how many by the National Transparency Authority?
2. Out of the investigations opened by public prosecutors since 2020, how many have been closed, how many are pending and how many have led to criminal prosecutions?
3. Out of the investigations by the National Transparency Authority since 2020, how many have been closed, how many are pending and how many have been referred to public prosecutors?

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¹ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-9-2022-002668-ASW_EN.html.

² https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-9-2023-001796-ASW_EN.html.