

**Question for written answer E-000192/2024  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Climate crisis threatens cultural heritage monuments

A study,<sup>1</sup> the first of its kind, has made public its findings concerning the repercussions of climate change for monuments belonging to the cultural heritage of Greece. While the study centred on three sites in Greece, its findings are applicable more broadly to the rest of Europe, and especially to the Mediterranean countries, such as Cyprus.

The study warns that the combination of rising temperatures and higher levels of atmospheric humidity in summer will lead to many of Greece's celebrated archaeological sites, museum exhibits and monuments deteriorating faster than expected. This, the report says, is due to the way in which the changing climate alters the chemical composition of the materials used at the sites and in the works of art concerned. This will cause mould to develop and accelerate the disintegration of building materials.

We must make every effort to protect our historical sites and monuments from repercussions of any kind.

In view of the above, what steps does the Commission propose to take to protect the most valuable historical monuments on our continent from climate change and avert their further degradation?

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.kathimerini.com.cy/gr/politismos/i-klimatiki-krisi-apeilei-ta-ellinika-mnimeia>