

WRITTEN QUESTION P-0999/09
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to the Commission

Subject: Support for the Greek economy and timely use of Community funds

In the present dismal international economic climate, Community resources and in particular the proper programming of fund disbursement and utilisation are important tools in the hands of national governments to boost faltering economy.

What stage has the implementation of the National Strategic Reference Framework (NSRF 2007-2013) reached in Greece?

To what extent have the competent national bodies achieved the annual funding distribution per Operational Programme (OP) for 2007-2008, and what estimates exist for progress in disbursing funds for 2009, in the light of the actions for which calls for proposals have already been launched?

Have the Public Private Partnerships (PPP) been used, as wished, as a development tool to promote, complex high-risk projects with a high social benefit? How many projects being funded through PPPs are being implemented in Greece? What are they?

Given that complicated bureaucratic procedures undermine development, have steps been taken to promote the necessary administrative reforms to cut bureaucracy and the cost of implementing the NSRF for 2007-20013? What stage have they reached?