

**Priority question for written answer P-003760/2023
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: The Greek government has stripped the new mayor of Athens of his powers of supervision over the company responsible for urban projects in the Municipality of Athens.

The task of Athens Anaplasis S.A., the company in question, is to plan redevelopment projects in the centre of the Greek capital using national and European funding from various programmes under the multiannual financial framework.¹

In 2020, the Mitsotakis government passed a law placing the company under the direct supervision of Mr Bakoyiannis, then mayor of Athens and the Prime Minister's nephew, who was defeated in the recent municipal elections.

Just before the City Hall changed hands, the government rushed through an amendment stripping the new municipal authority of its powers of supervision over the company. The amendment transferred these powers to the government and therefore the Prime Minister.² The new mayor had announced that a management audit of the company would be carried out.³

In view of this, can the Commission and the relevant commissioners answer the following:

1. How do they intend to ensure transparency and accountability in the management of EU funding, which the government is clearly trying to evade?
2. Are nepotism and corruption, which lead to illiberal, backward regimes, acceptable in the context of the European way of life?

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¹ <https://athensanaplasis.gr/en/>

² <https://www.news247.gr/ellada/iliopoulos-na-aposirthei-amesa-i-tropologia-gia-tin-anaplasia-ae/>

³ <https://www.kontranews.gr/koinonia/charis-doukas-sto-kontra24-diacheiristikos-elegchos-prepei-na-mathoume-poso-kostise-i-panepistimiou/>