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Subject: Access to healthcare services

According to a 2023 Eurostat survey, Greece ranks first for unmet healthcare needs due to financial reasons (too expensive), waiting lists or distance from healthcare structures (too far to travel). Sadly, the need for bribes and connections undermines the quality of healthcare services offered to Greek citizens.

In 2022, in the EU, 3.3 % of people in need of medical examinations were unable to undergo them. The EU countries which reported the highest rates were: Greece (16.7 %), Finland (9.6 %), Romania (7.9 %) and Latvia (7.1 %). Obviously it is the more vulnerable social groups that suffer the most from being unable to meet their healthcare needs.

In view of this:

1. Can the Commission assess the effectiveness of the actions under the EU4Health programme in Greece, which aim to provide political guidance for mitigating the risk of poverty by minimising the impact of direct healthcare costs and looking at healthcare provision across all income groups?

2. What further initiatives is the Commission planning for the 2024-2029 period, in order to give all citizens access to essential medical examinations and to healthcare services?

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