

**Question for written answer E-001657/2024
to the Commission**
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Subject: Impact of water scarcity on Southern European countries including Greece

Water scarcity is a major issue that poses a particular challenge for Southern European countries, notably Greece. It has a massive impact on agriculture, livestock farming, industry, tourism and hundreds of businesses.

This disquieting development looks likely to continue since nobody knows when the situation will stabilise. Water scarcity has adverse social and economic effects that impact millions of people and it has huge implications for the economic stability of countries.

It is imperative that the Commission intervenes with dedicated funding for EU countries. Water scarcity will also cause problems for the production of agricultural and livestock products as well as for a host of economic activities.

In view of this:

1. Does the Commission intend to fund the construction of special dams to hold rainwater and through what means?
2. Does it intend to fund the creation of boreholes given that these can generate significant quantities of water?
3. Does it intend to give economic support to the Greek islands to build more desalination plants? There are numerous areas and islands in Greece that are directly at risk.

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