

**Question for written answer E-002179/2024/rev.1
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Safety at fairgrounds

Yet another tragedy has unfolded in Greece as a result of failure to abide by operating rules at a fairground: a 19-year-old died instantly while on a ride that did not meet the required safety measures. Following an investigation by the 19-year-old's family, it appears that the fairground was operating without a licence and was supplied with electricity illegally. As often happens, the 'business' found it more profitable to operate without permits, but to pay a fine should that be necessary.

It appears that municipalities are often hotbeds of lawlessness, with the necessary checks not being carried out because of corruption. Clearly, there is a need to ensure that safety rules are adhered to across Europe, with an exchange of best practice and cooperation between national authorities to check that municipalities are implementing the rules.

In view of this:

1. Since the national authorities are not complying with the European standard and accidents or fatalities have been caused by failure to meet the minimum safety rules, what does the Commission intend to do to ensure that the standard is implemented?
2. Does it consider that the above-mentioned standard is sufficient to prevent similar incidents in future? If not, what more does it plan to do to ensure the safety of citizens?

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