

**Question for written answer E-002362/2024
to the Commission**
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Subject: The severe demographic challenges facing Greece and other Member States

In recent years, Greece has been facing some very serious demographic challenges. Falling birth rates, population ageing and increased migration, particularly among young people seeking better opportunities abroad, are just some examples. It is worth noting that the balance of births and deaths has been negative for the last three years (-180 000) and the last five years (-270 000) and the negative balance has continued to rise for the 13th year in a row¹.

These trends have serious implications for the country's economic stability, social cohesion and the sustainability of public services, particularly in sectors such as healthcare and pensions.

In view of the pressing challenges outlined above:

1. Is the Commission aware of the severe demographic challenges that Greece and the other Member States are facing, and what specific EU measures or long-term strategies are being implemented to support Member States that are experiencing such problems?
2. How does it plan to monitor the effects of demographic change on Greece's economic and social policies and will there be any provisions on the exchange of best practices between Member States facing similar challenges of major importance?

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¹ <https://www.antibaro.gr/article/16574>.