

**Question for written answer E-002580/2024/rev.1
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Recovery and Resilience Fund to subsidise afternoon surgeries in private healthcare facilities

Very recently, the Greek Government passed a provision¹ giving the go-ahead for 37 500 ‘free’ afternoon surgeries to be funded by the Recovery and Resilience Fund. The provision in question states, among other things, that ‘the implementing body may, for the purposes of the project and following a call for expressions of interest, contract with private facilities that perform surgeries (day hospitals). Payment takes the form of a subsidy granted to the relevant implementing body and the sum is paid to the participating private facilities that perform the surgeries.’

The same provision refers to the inclusion of the initiative in question, titled ‘Organisational reforms in the healthcare system’ (measure ID: 16756), under the Greece 2.0 Recovery and Resilience Fund². In the relevant Council document³, measure 16756 includes two projects (sequential numbers 163 and 164) with the following names/descriptions: ‘Health system – finalise the Greek DRG Institute KETEKNY and the new Agency for Quality Assurance in Healthcare ODIPY (excl. Training)’ and ‘Health system – KETEKNY ODIPY complete training’.

Given that it is not clear from the name/description of the above measure⁴ that there is precise alignment with the legislative initiative in question, can the Commission answer the following:

Has the Fund approved funding for surgeries in private healthcare facilities under the above-mentioned measure?

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¹ For the full text, see Article 2 <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1HIlyk0PH8oZ6QfNIYpQKBZREZ-gXnVeK/view?pli=1>.

² ‘In the context of the project ... (Measure: ‘Organisational Reforms in the Health System (measure ID: 16756)’) under the Greece 2.0 Recovery and Resilience Fund ... payment shall be made for pending surgery and other interventions to be undergone by eligible patients (‘beneficiaries’) who have been registered on the Single List of Surgeries for a period longer than four (4) months.’

³ <https://data.consilium.europa.eu/doc/document/ST-15831-2023-ADD-1-REV-1/en/pdf>.

⁴ See description of reform 16756 on p. 113 of the annex in the document cited in footnote 3.