

**Question for written answer E-002632/2024/rev.1
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Persistent failures of the Greek railway system

On 9 October 2023, in Athens, a suburban train was mistakenly directed onto the metro line at 'Doukissis Plakentias' station, very nearly causing a serious accident. The train driver averted the disaster without guidance from the stationmaster, highlighting the serious failings of the control and communication system. The incident prompted an immediate response from the authorities and an order was given for an urgent investigation to be carried out by the Public Prosecutor's Office.

This incident follows the tragic accident at Tempi, in which 57 people lost their lives due to flaws in the remote control system and rail traffic control. Despite promises that the railway infrastructure would be upgraded, the system continues to present serious weaknesses, putting passengers at risk.

In view of the above:

What financial and technical initiatives can the Commission propose to swiftly upgrade the remote control system and safety systems on the Greek railway network, with a view to averting future accidents?

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