

Question for written answer E-002675/2024
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Systematic lawlessness and immunity in the port of Piraeus

Despite repeated complaints, protests by local residents, previous court decisions and publicity by Greek and international media about the environmental problems caused by the projects of the Piraeus Port Authority (a limited company) in the wider area, and the project to expand the south side of the Piraeus passenger port in particular, this project has still been granted EU funding in the Region of Attica's 2021-2027 programming period under the 'Attica' programme.

This matter has already been reported to the European Investment Bank (ref. SG/E/2019/16), to the EU's Directorate-General for Competition (ref. ARES(2022)5342515), to its Directorate-General for the Environment (ref. CHAP(2022)021023) and to its Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Development (ref. ARES(2023)500698-23.1.2023), however none of these reports have received a meaningful response.

In view of the above:

1. Is the Commission aware of these complaints and/or has it investigated the matter, and what action is it willing to take?
2. Does the Commission consider that, in this particular case, there has been a breach of Directive 2008/98/EC on waste and of the Guidelines on Management of Dredged Materials referred to in Decision IG.23/12 of the 20th Meeting of the Parties to the Barcelona Convention?

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