**Question for written answer E-000156/2025**
**to the Commission**
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Subject: Inadequate progress by Greece on waste recycling and risk of not meeting the European targets

Greece is lagging significantly behind in waste recycling, with a rate of just 16 %, compared with the European average of 50 %. At the same time, it has a high proportion of waste going to landfill (79 % compared with the EU-wide 20 %). These data cast doubt on the attainment of the 2025 European targets for municipal waste reuse and recycling, as well as the 2035 landfill target. In addition, Greece exceeds the EU average for production of waste, with 524 kilos per resident (the average is 502 kilos).

Boosting recycling and reducing landfill use are of vital importance for environmental protection and public health. Efforts must focus on using European funding instruments, developing infrastructure and promoting sustainable practices.

In view of this:

1. What is Greece’s progress on recycling?

2. Which European funding instruments has Greece made use of?

3. Which opportunities has Greece not yet used?

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