

**Question for written answer E-000580/2025
to the Commission**
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Subject: Support for the 100 climate-neutral cities under the Green Deal

One of the EU Missions set out under the Green Deal and Horizon Europe relates to the creation of 100 climate-neutral and smart cities. The mission aims to achieve climate neutrality in 100 European cities by 2030, with those cities acting as experimentation and innovation hubs.

Six Greek cities are taking part: Athens, Thessaloniki, Ioannina, Kalamata, Kozani and Trikala. These cities were invited to implement long-term planning and organise action plans and investment strategies to facilitate the project with public and private funding.

However, the project's implementation has been accompanied by significant challenges in terms of infrastructure, staffing, funding, training, as well as administrative capacity. What is more, Greek cities face additional obstacles, namely the lack of space for energy communities in the electricity grid and the lack of an institutional framework for direct financing through European funds.

In view of the above, can the Commission say:

1. What stage of maturity has this important initiative/mission reached in Greece and in the EU as a whole?
2. In light of the challenges, which instruments and financial tools is the Commission planning to use to help the participating Greek cities achieve their complex objectives?

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