

Question for written answer E-001242/2025
to the Commission
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Subject: The explosive state of public health, which rewards private groups

The health situation in Greece remains explosive, with the ongoing degradation of the public system, the commercialisation of its services, long waits for appointments, staff shortages, 24 % of the population unable to cover medical needs due to costs and private health spending reaching 33 %. This tragic situation is evident throughout Europe. These are the consequences of the criminal cost-benefit policy based on EU guidelines, which in Greece are being implemented by the New Democracy Government following on from the previous SYRIZA-PASOK Governments.

In Greece, with the implementation of the unacceptable measure of afternoon surgeries - the legitimisation of the traditional ‘little sweetener’ - the cost that ordinary households are being asked to pay out of their pockets has sky-rocketed.

In light of the above:

1. What is the Commission’s position on the fact that, under the ‘Prevention Programme’ in Greece, the Recovery Fund is subsidising groups for carrying out analyses and tests, for which – due to the miserable state of the public health system – those who are ultimately diagnosed positively are asked to put their hands in their pockets and expand the clientele of health marketers?
2. What is the Commission’s position on the fact that, while private health groups are breaking one profitability record after another, 20 % of households across Europe, according to the World Health Organization, are experiencing catastrophic health spending, while their disposable income has stagnated and – to put it more accurately – actually shrunk?

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