

Question for written answer E-001497/2025
to the Commission
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Subject: Degradation of the National Research System in Greece and its impact on the use of European funds

The research community in Greece is facing serious and ever-worsening problems, such as the lack of any national research policy, chronic underfunding, understaffing of research centres and excessive bureaucracy in the management of research funds. Furthermore, the removal of the General Secretariat for Research and Innovation from the Ministry of Education and its subordination to the Ministry of Development is contrary to international and European practices, undermining the connection between research and higher education. These conditions jeopardise the country's ability to use European funds for research and innovation effectively.

In view of the above:

1. How does the Commission assess Greece's ability to absorb and use European funds effectively for research in the current circumstances?
2. Does the Commission intend to consider ways to strengthen the institutional reconnection of research with higher education in Greece?
3. Is there provision for specific support for Member States with structural problems in the administration of research, in order to ensure their full participation in European programmes?

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