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to the Commission
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Subject: Implementation of the Marine Strategy Framework Directive in Greece and tackling marine pollution in the Thermaic and Corinthian Gulfs

The Marine Strategy Framework Directive 2008/56/EC is the European Union's main instrument for protecting the marine environment. In Greece, although relevant monitoring programmes have been established, questions remain regarding their effective implementation and financing, especially in areas under intense environmental pressure, such as the Thermaic and Corinthian Gulfs. These areas face significant challenges due to pollution from microplastics, agricultural waste and sewage, while concerns are also registered about the impacts on fishing and marine ecosystems.

At the same time, national and private initiatives are being undertaken for monitoring and pollution management, but without a clear coordination and evaluation framework.

In view of the above:

1. What is the Commission's assessment of Greece's progress on implementing the Marine Strategy Framework Directive 2008/56/EC and Directive (EU) 2019/904 on single-use plastics, especially in areas facing intense environmental pressure, such as the Thermaic and Corinthian Gulfs?
2. What forms of financial or technical support are provided by the Commission to local communities affected by marine pollution and activity restrictions, with a focus on fishing communities?
3. What measures has the Commission put in place to strengthen cooperation between the public and private sectors in monitoring and remediating marine pollution?

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