Question for written answer E-002699/2025/rev.1
to the Commission
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Subject: Lack of a prevention and decentralisation strategy in Greece's civil protection

With the law adopted in June 2025, the Greek Government maintained its centralised approach to civil protection, making no provision for mandatory prevention projects (fire zones, evacuation plans) and without any meaningful involvement of local government or forestry services. The new framework also includes staff on fixed-term contracts, with no prospect for seasonal firefighters and without a plan to strengthen the workforce.

The AEGIS programme, which is co-financed by the EU, has been presented as the largest investment in civil protection, but to date it has not delivered comprehensive results. Transparency issues have been identified, as well as an excessive emphasis on communication activities and the leasing of aircraft. What is more, critical decentralised coordination projects, such as the 13 Regional Centres, were excluded from the Recovery Fund without sufficient justification.

In view of the above, can the Commission say:

1. Does it monitor the progress and effectiveness of the AEGIS programme?

2. Did it ask for explanations as to why prevention projects were excluded from the Recovery Fund?

3. How could it help strengthen the role of local authorities in civil protection?

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