

**Question for written answer E-003140/2025  
to the Commission**  
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Subject: Absence of measures to address water scarcity in Greece

Data from the OECD and the World Resources Institute reveal the imminent risk of water scarcity all across Europe. Greece ranks 19th globally in terms of water scarcity risk, with 87 % of its territory facing an increased incidence of drought.

Since 2019, the Greek Government has been addressing the issue of water scarcity with minimal effort, outdated announcements and very few projects. It is worth noting that the situation is constantly deteriorating in areas of the country critical both for agricultural production and tourism.

A prime example can be found in Thessaly, where rather than building flood defences, the government chooses to over-abstract from the limited water available in Lake Plastiras; a move with a direct impact on the area's environment and future agricultural production.

In view of the above, the Commission is asked:

1. Are provisions of the Water Framework Directive (2000/60/EC) on over-abstraction from surface water bodies, such as Lake Plastiras, being violated? Is the Commission aware of specific measures by the Greek Government to reverse the certain ecological disaster by means of projects for the protection and sustainable management of water (such as dams, reservoirs, groundwater recharge) and infrastructure?
2. What projects with a budget of over EUR 5 000 000 in the area of sustainable water management and replenishment are being financed through European funds?

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