

**Question for written answer E-003231/2025/rev.1
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Insufficient use of European funds for water management in Greece

Despite significant European funding for Greece through the Structural Funds and the Cohesion Fund,¹ amounting to EUR 541 million for water infrastructure and EUR 85 million for water resources management,² the country continues to face serious water scarcity problems, especially in high-risk areas such as Crete, Thessaly and the islands.

The insufficient absorption of the funds is questionable; it is undermined by factors such as disorganised management and lack of integrated planning, as well as ageing infrastructure, while non-compliance with the Water Framework Directive³ is hindering progress.

In light of the above:

1. How does the Commission assess Greece's efficiency⁴ in using these funds?
2. What actions could the Commission take to help ensure the creation of a reliable and transparent water management body and technically adequate regulatory oversight in Greece, with the aim of the efficient use of Union funds?
3. How will the Commission ensure that the improved use of Union funds will not result in additional burdens (see water costs) for citizens?

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¹ https://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/funding/erdf_en.

² <https://www.real.gr/politiki/arthro/komision-se-g-aftia-dinoume-541-ekat-evro-gia-ydrefsi-stin-ellada-625065/>.

³ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EL/TXT/?uri=celex%3A32000L0060>.

⁴ <https://www.reuters.com/business/environment/parched-southern-greece-reveals-eus-giant-challenge-conserve-water-2025-02-20>.