

**Question for written answer E-003615/2025  
to the Commission**  
Rule 144  
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**Subject:** Accessibility and obstacles to medical care: Greece bottom of the pile in 2024 figures

Access to healthcare is a fundamental right. However, according to the 2024 data<sup>1</sup> recently published by Eurostat, Greece has the highest share of obstacles to medical care in the EU. In Greece, 21.9 % of citizens over the age of 16 said that they failed to receive the care they needed, while the corresponding figure for the EU as a whole stood at 3.6 %.<sup>2</sup>

Cost and geographical distance to health facilities were listed among the main obstacles.<sup>3</sup> What is particularly worrying is that more than 30 % of people at risk of poverty reported unmet needs, suggesting strong social inequalities.

Given the above, can the Commission say:

1. What is the Commission's view of Greece ranking lowest in the 2024 data?
2. What measures will it take to ensure that economically disadvantaged or geographically isolated citizens are not deprived of access to basic medical services?
3. Will it support Greece with targeted programmes to strengthen primary care and reduce waiting lists and geographical barriers?

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<sup>1</sup> [https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/databrowser/view/hlth\\_silc\\_08/default/table](https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/databrowser/view/hlth_silc_08/default/table)

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.eureporter.co/health/2025/08/21/3-6-experience-unmet-needs-for-medical-care-in-2024>

<sup>3</sup> <https://greekreporter.com/2025/08/21/greece-eu-highest-rate-unmet-medical-needs-eurostat>