

**Question for written answer E-003671/2025
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Gender discrimination and misuse of EU funds in the Greek renewable energy sector

Recent reports have contained information on allegations of corruption, market distortion, and gender discrimination in the Greek renewable energy sector in the context of EU-funded projects.

Accordingly, the Development Organization of Sitia (OAS), a private law company owned by the municipality but presenting itself as a public entity, allegedly:

- coerced participants into signing contracts requiring extortionate payments in exchange for local administrative support;
- obtained multiple EU and national subsidies for the same projects (including under the THERMIE programme, contract WE 168/95 HE/DE) without informing the Commission of relocations or modifications;
- excluded legitimate competitors, particularly women entrepreneurs, from access to funding opportunities.

It is claimed that these practices amount to systemic gender-based exclusion, in violation of EU principles of equality and fair competition.

In this context:

1. Is the Commission aware of these allegations, and has it investigated possible mismanagement, fraud, or double funding in the cited projects?
2. What measures will the Commission and the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) take to prevent misuse of EU funds and ensure compliance with competition rules?
3. How does the Commission intend to guarantee equal access for women entrepreneurs to EU-funded renewable energy projects?

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