

Question for written answer E-003676/2025
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Unequal treatment of engineering graduates by the Greek State

Technical education (TE) engineers, graduates of Higher Technical Educational Institutions, who serve in the Greek State and are represented by the Panhellenic Federation of Public Servant Engineers in the Technical Sector of Higher Education (P.O.MI.T.E.D.Y.), are systematically degraded compared to university-educated engineers, despite the fact that technical educational institutions, pursuant to national legislation (Law 2916/2001, Law 3549/2007, Law 4009/2011), constitute an equivalent and integral part of higher education.

This discrimination is manifested in the selection of heads of organisational units, in service and salary development, as well as in participation in collective bodies, even though their academic qualifications are classified at level 6 of the national and European qualifications framework (NQF–EQF), on an equal footing with first-cycle university degrees.

This practice is contrary to the principles of equality and non-discrimination, as enshrined in EU law and in particular in Article 21 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union, and clearly violates the spirit of equal treatment.

Accordingly, the Commission is asked:

1. What measures does the Commission intend to put in place so that Greece fully aligns with the EQF and ensures equal treatment of TE engineers?
2. How can this systematic inequality be removed, in order to ensure free mobility and professional equality of TE engineers within the EU?

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