

**Question for written answer E-003922/2025/rev.1
to the Commission**

Rule 144

Kostas Papadakis (NI), Lefteris Nikolaou-Alavanos (NI)

Subject: Unacceptable union-based persecution of Nikos Tsaklidis by the employer
Hellenic Train

The unacceptable decision of ‘Hellenic Train’ to summon an employee, unionist Nikos Tsaklidis, on the outrageous accusation that he ‘caused a service anomaly’, was taken on the grounds of his refusal to perform the coupling-uncoupling of carriages and engines, which requires the participation of two employees, alone.

The EU and Greek governments’ policy of ‘liberalisation’ and privatisation of rail transport has resulted in the intensification of work and the exposure of employees and passengers to risks.

Can the Commission say:

What is its position on the fact that, more than two and a half years after the Tempi disaster/crime, the railway network continues to face a lack of safety measures and staff as a result of the EU’s strategy – implemented by the Greek governments – for the liberalisation and privatisation of rail transport (Directive 2012/34 and Directive 2016/798), based on ‘cost-benefit’ criteria, competitiveness and the profitability of groups?

Submitted: 7.10.2025