

**Question for written answer E-004028/2025/rev.1
to the Commission
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Subject: ‘Apollo’ programme removed from the Greek recovery plan – Exclusion of energy communities from the just transition

Initially included in the Greek Recovery and Resilience Plan, the EUR 100 million ‘Apollo’ programme was intended to cover the energy needs of vulnerable households through renewable energy projects, with storage (400-500 MW), at energy community level. This project had a strong social and territorial focus, targeting remote, mountainous and island regions in particular, where it would be instrumental in reducing energy costs and strengthening social cohesion.

However, according to the official information of the Greek authorities, the programme was removed from the recovery plan in September 2025 owing to delays. As a result, the modified plan no longer includes any provision to support energy communities. This has provoked serious backlash – including from mountainous municipalities such as those of Northern Tzoumerka and Georgios Karaiskakis – with the project’s removal representing a blow to social cohesion and the tackling of energy poverty.

In light of the above, can the Commission answer the following:

1. How does it assess the social and regional impact of the Apollo programme’s removal from the Greek recovery plan?
2. Does it intend to ask the Greek authorities to revise the plan in order to restore the provision of support for energy communities and RES projects with storage and a social focus?

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