

Question for written answer E-004297/2025
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Mass closure of Hellenic Post branches

By decision of the Nea Dimokratia Government, and in line with EU strategy, the Hellenic Post is proceeding, in the context of the so-called ‘Strategic Restructuring Plan 2023-2027’, with the mass closure of post offices. This leads to a shrinking of the public postal network, the privatisation of services – with consequences for employees and public access to basic services – redundancies and layoffs, particularly affecting workers leased through third companies.

The situation is the result of a long-standing policy followed by Greek governments, which promotes the EU’s strategy for the ‘liberalisation’ and ‘competitiveness’ of the postal market.

On the basis of the above, can the Commission say:

1. What is its view on the consequences of the implementation of the EU directives on the liberalisation of the postal market (97/67/EC, 2002/39/EC and 2008/6/EC), which lead to the shrinking of the public postal network, layoffs, the degradation of services and their handover to private operators, making them excessively expensive for the people?
2. What view does it take of the fact that the strategy promoted by the EU and the Nea Dimokratia Government condemns entire areas throughout Greece to be left without access to basic postal and financial services, leading to immeasurable social consequences?
3. What is its view on the demands to ensure that all employees remain in their posts without layoffs or forced long-distance transfers, to recruit permanent staff and to strengthen infrastructure, as well as the need to safeguard the public nature of postal services, with permanent and stable work and full rights for all workers?

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