

**Question for written answer E-004728/2025/rev.1  
to the Commission**  
Rule 144  
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**Subject:** Critical shortcomings in the Greek National Centre for Emergency Care and the need for immediate European intervention

Greece has the lowest rate of citizen satisfaction with health services in the OECD (27 %), while its National Centre for Emergency Care (EKAB) remains understaffed and under-equipped, especially in island and remote areas. As such, many islands only have one ambulance for round-the-clock coverage, while the lack of paramedics leads to unacceptable delays that in recent years have been linked to fatalities. Despite the interventions of the Greek Government, shortages remain systemic and are exacerbated in the tourist season.

The OECD's 2025 'Health at a Glance' report notes that the inequalities in access to emergency care in Greece were among the largest in the EU, with a significant proportion of citizens (21.9 %, more than five times the European average) reporting unmet care needs due to distance or lack of infrastructure.

Can the Commission say:

1. Has it considered initiating infringement procedures (Article 258 TFEU) for Greece's persistent failure to comply with minimum standards of emergency medical care?
2. What European funding tools can be used immediately to recruit at least 500 paramedics and to renew the ambulance fleet?

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