

**Question for written answer E-005079/2025/rev.1
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Lives and safety of passengers and workers in Greek airport control towers at risk

The Commission's stance raises serious questions, as in response to a previous question¹ by Kostas Papadakis highlighting the enormous shortages in personnel and infrastructure, it avoided making the slightest comment. However, it itself had initiated infringement proceedings for delays in the adoption of basic safety technologies at airports.

Air traffic control workers, pilots and other workers have repeatedly pointed out the problems of outdated communication infrastructure, non-functioning radar and serious shortages of personnel at all airports in the country. It is indicative that in August the radar on Mount Merenda in Attica was put out of operation.

In view of the above:

1. What is the Commission's position on the fact that the shortage of air traffic control staff, the outdated infrastructure and the outdated control and warning system equipment, together with the intensification of and the deleterious standards of the EU guidelines for the flow of aircraft arrivals and departures – serving the profitability of airline groups and private airport owners – create a very dangerous backdrop for flight safety and ensuring the lives and safety of passengers and workers?
2. What prevented the Commission from responding to the substance of the issues raised by MEPs Kostas Papadakis and Lefteris Nikolaou-Alavanos in a previous question on flight safety issues, concealing the dangerous situation that exists, while it had sent a letter of notice to the Greek Government in April 2024 and a reasoned response last year in December on the basis of the Government assertions provided to it?

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¹ E-000764/2025: https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-10-2025-000764_EN.html