

Question for written answer E-000330/2026
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Sheep and goat pox in Greece and implementation of European vaccination guidance

According to a recent press report, based on internal documents and correspondence of European institutions, the European Commission has reportedly addressed repeated recommendations to the Greek authorities since May 2025 to include vaccination in the strategy to combat sheep and goat pox, highlighting the risk of uncontrolled spread of the disease and the availability of vaccines through the European vaccine bank¹.

However, the Greek Government has publicly maintained that it has fully followed European guidance, a position which, according to the same published documents, is disputed by the competent Commission services, both in terms of the timing of the measures taken and the choice not to implement preventive vaccination. The case raises issues of transparency, timely implementation of EU recommendations and adequate protection of animal health and livestock, with significant economic consequences for livestock farmers.

In view of the above:

1. What specific recommendations or instructions has the Commission addressed to Greece regarding vaccination against sheep and goat pox and within what timeframe?
2. How does the Commission assess the Greek authorities' compliance with these recommendations?
3. Does the Commission intend to publish an official assessment of the management of the epidemic in Greece, in particular as regards the timely adoption of preventive measures?

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¹ <https://wearesolomon.com/el/mag/format-el/reportaz/i-kivernisi-leei-oti-akolouthise-pliros-tis-evropaikes-odigies-gia-emvoliasmo-neia-eggrafa-to-amfisvitoun/>