

Question for written answer E-000480/2026
to the Commission
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Subject: Financial support for telemedicine for islands, mountainous and remote areas

The existence of European Member States where islands feature prominently often creates strong inequalities. However, Greece faces multiple difficulties with the existence of micro-islands, together with mountainous and remote areas throughout the territory.

Telemedicine, of which Greece is already making use, can play a decisive role in improving healthcare coverage in these areas, through the provision of remote diagnostic and advisory services and patient monitoring.

The European Health and Digital Affairs Executive Agency (HaDEA) and the EU4Health programme are tools that could be used directly to finance initiatives.

Financial support for the implementation of Directive 2011/24 of 9 March 2011 on the application of patients' rights in cross-border healthcare is urgently needed.

Can the Commission answer the following:

1. Which European financial instruments for 2021-2027 can be used specifically to strengthen telemedicine, with an emphasis on islands and remote areas?
2. Does the Commission intend to provide financial support for actions to upgrade digital health infrastructure, train health professionals and support the recruitment of dedicated staff in the field of telemedicine for the next MFF 2028-2034?

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