

**Question for written answer E-001785/2026/rev.1
to the Commission**
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Subject: Use of modern technology to deal with the bureaucratic nightmare faced by businesses

Bureaucracy in Greece remains a significant limiting factor for entrepreneurship. The World Bank's Ease of Doing Business index ranks Greece 28th out of the continent's 39 states. According to the OECD Product Market Regulation index (2023-2024), the country is close to the average but continues to face obstacles in the professional services and retail sectors and in state involvement.

The World Economic Forum gives a regulatory burden score of 3.9/7 and 66 % of businesses say bureaucracy is a barrier to investment. Regarding administrative efficiency, the figures recorded show public payment delays of 16.7 days and delays of 125 days in public procurement procedures compared to the European average of 74 days.

Meanwhile, entrepreneurship figures show a predominance of very small businesses and low growth dynamics. Overall, the data confirm a clear correlation between administrative burden and limited business activity.

Once a business has been founded, bureaucracy acts like a wall, stopping many before they even get started.

This is the 'mental' index of bureaucracy and economic instability.

When asked: 'Would the fear of failure prevent you from starting a business?', Greece recorded a rate of 55.4 %, one of the highest rates globally.

In view of the above, can the Commission say:

Could it work on creating a technological tool that would inform start-ups and other companies of all their obligations towards EU states?

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