

Question for written answer E-001917/2026
to the Commission
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Subject: Risk of EU overtaxing property and stepping up economic surveillance of citizens

Many citizens, in particular the middle class and small and medium-sized entrepreneurs are deeply concerned by recent studies and Commission discussions on the taxation of net wealth, the increase of capital taxes, the interconnection of asset-related data and the use of mechanisms such as exit tax.

Behind technocratic terms such as ‘tax justice’ and ‘fighting inequalities’, one gradually begins to discern a broader political direction aiming to strengthen economic control over citizens and centralise tax powers at European level. Greek citizens have already felt on their own skin the effects of overtaxation, the memoranda, property tax (ENFIA) and continuous pressure on ownership and family assets.

Of particular concern is the potential creation of interconnected European asset monitoring mechanisms, which could further burden small-scale owners, family businesses and citizens seeking to transfer their tax residence or engage in investment activities.

1. Does the Commission intend to promote new forms of property taxation or harmonisation of capital taxes at European level?
2. Is the creation of pan-European mechanisms for the interconnection and monitoring of citizens’ asset-related data being considered?
3. Does the Commission acknowledge that direct taxation is a national competence that lies exclusively with the Member States?

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