

Question for written answer E-002023/2026
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Signs of distortion and concentration in the Greek energy market and the need to verify whether practices are at odds with EU law

The Greek electricity market is characterised by persistently high prices for households, businesses and agricultural holdings and there have been serious allegations of limited actual competition, significant market concentration and costs being passed on to consumers. Meanwhile, production cuts have also been reported, along with electricity exports during hours when prices are very low or negative, and cost socialisation. Economic benefits seem to be concentrated in the hands of a limited number of powerful players. The available information paints a picture of an oligopoly characterised by excessive profits and heavy burdens on consumers and industry, notably a potential strategy of withholding power and distorting prices in the wholesale market.

In view of the above, can the Commission answer the following:

1. Does it intend to immediately ask the Greek authorities, the national Regulatory Authority for Energy, Waste and Water and ACER for complete information on pricing, profit margins, production cuts, cross-border flows/exports during hours when prices are very low or negative, financing of relevant deficits through public funds or bill charges?
2. Does it intend to assess, in the light of competition rules, the integrity and transparency of the wholesale energy market, the application of REMIT, whether the functioning of the Greek market shows signs of distortion, manipulation or other practices that are at odds with EU law?
3. If the above information provides compelling evidence, does the Commission intend to request or initiate, within its remit and in cooperation with ACER and the competent authorities, appropriate audit or investigative procedures?

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