

Question for written answer E-002722/2026
to the Commission
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Subject: Inefficient use of European funds for weather radars and early warning systems in Greece

In the context of EU-funded civil protection and resilience programmes, Greece has announced significant supplies of weather radars, weather stations and nowcasting systems for early warnings concerning extreme weather events. Public sources have talked about projects, funded by the Recovery Fund, the NSRF and the ‘Civil Protection 2021-2027’ Programme, to replace obsolete radars and extend the national network.

However, despite the repeated announcements, the situation on the ground looks far from reassuring: The country is entering yet another summer season without a reliable and functional weather radar network, with citizens, visitors, farmers and civil protection services exposed to storms, flooding and other extreme weather conditions, without sufficient space-time warnings.

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

1. Does it have detailed data on the amount of European funding committed, formally granted under contract and paid to Greece for weather radars, weather stations and related warning systems since 2019?
2. Has it checked whether the co-financed systems have actually been delivered, installed and put into operation, with measurable indicators of availability and reliability?
3. How can the Commission assist the Greek authorities, technically and institutionally, in speeding up the process of making the co-financed weather radars and early warning systems fully operational, with a clear timeline and transparent information provided to citizens?

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