

Question for written answer E-002770/2026
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Institutional shortcomings in addressing the high prices of everyday essentials in Greece

According to reports, the Greek Government is calling a meeting with big market players to bring down prices on essential items. This development raises serious questions about the effectiveness of institutional market control mechanisms, especially when consumer protection appears to depend on informal government negotiations with powerful economic operators. EU competition law, notably Articles 101 and 102 TFEU, prohibits concerted practices and the abuse of a dominant position. In addition, transparency and the possibility of effective price comparison are requirements of the consumer protection framework.

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

1. Is it monitoring whether there is sufficient competition in the Greek essential goods market or whether instead it shows signs of overconcentration and unjustified price increases?
2. Does it consider a policy of informal pricing agreements between the Government and big businesses to be compatible with EU law?
3. Does it intend to ask the Greek authorities for proof of the effectiveness of market controls and consumer protection?

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