

**Question for written answer E-002918/2026  
to the Commission**  
Rule 144  
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**Subject:** Dismissal of dozens of workers from the National Public Health Organisation after programme ends

On 31 May, around 70 employees of the National Public Health Organisation were dismissed after subprojects 5 and 7 of the Spyros Doxiadis programme came to an end. The programme's operation is up in the air, with tragic consequences for workers, as it is co-financed by the EU's Recovery and Resilience Fund.

These are workers who served public health, covering permanent and ongoing needs. The end of the programme is the direct result of the National Public Health Organisation operating on the basis of commercial criteria, bringing instability to the running of services that are critical for the people, the cause of this instability being the pursuit of ephemeral funds. At the same time, these operating conditions exacerbate job insecurity for dozens of workers who are caught in a state of permanent temporariness, with fixed-term contracts reigning.

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

1. Where does it stand on the fact that the pittance which the healthcare sector receives from EU funding is only occasional and temporary and does not make up for the need for high-quality free and public healthcare services for the people, including prevention, treatment and recovery?
2. Where does it stand on the need to hire permanent staff across all specialisms and to make all contract staff in healthcare facilities permanent, bearing in mind that the majority of workers in these services are caught in a state of permanent temporariness?

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