

Question for written answer E-003119/2026
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Direct funding to address water scarcity and ensure safe drinking water in the outlying island of Ereikoussa

Ereikoussa, a small outlying island forming part of the Diapontian Islands, is facing a serious problem with the availability and quality of drinking water. Its water supply depends on private wells and boreholes, while the salinisation and overextraction of the underground aquifer compound the issue. The lack of a sewerage system increases the risks to public health and the environment.

Although a comprehensive study is in place and ready for implementation to provide a permanent solution to the problem, the local authority's repeated requests to the national authorities have not been met with a substantive response. The lack of safe water limits the prospects for permanent residence, increases the risk of depopulation and undermines territorial cohesion on an extremely remote and outlying island.

In the light of the European water resilience strategy and the new EU strategy for islands, can the Commission say:

1. Through which EU funding tools can the implementation of this turnkey project be directly supported?
2. Does it intend to request an update from the Greek authorities with regard to its funding path?
3. How will it ensure that access to safe water is a priority for small and outlying islands at risk of desertification?

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