

**Question for written answer E-003125/2026
to the Commission**
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Subject: Plans for dangerous antimony mining in Chios

Amid staunch opposition from Chios' grassroots organisations, the Nea Dimokratia Government – together with the EU – is pursuing an investment in antimony mining that is dangerous both for public health and the environment.

It is telling that antimony mining had stopped for decades. A large number of studies have noted the negative effect of antimony on the water table.

The Greek Government and the EU are prioritising support for corporate groups serving the war and renewable energy industries etc., providing subsidies through the Act on so-called 'critical raw materials'. As a result, the environment and the health of local residents are being crushed in a stampede by European monopolistic groups, China and the US to make a profit.

Local residents have set up a coordinating committee and are continuing to mobilise and protest, supported by more than 100 local entities, as well as others such as the Greek Miners' Federation.

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

1. Where does it stand on the calls from residents and entities for a definitive end to all planning and actions linked to the antimony mining project in Chios, which poses a risk to the health of local residents and the environment?
2. Where does it stand on the fact that the EU's Critical Raw Materials Act (CRMA), aimed at boosting the EU's competitiveness and profitability vis-à-vis its rivals, involves mining activities that are harmful to people's health and destructive towards the environment?

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