

Question for written answer E-003372/2026
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Credibility of the excessive deficit procedure in relation to France

France remains subject to the excessive deficit procedure, and the deadline for bringing its deficit below 3 % of GDP on a long-term basis expires in 2029. However, in response to Question E-003433/2025¹, the Commission concluded that the deviation from the recommended net expenditure growth was small and did not take any further procedural steps.

Meanwhile, the Commission's spring forecast projects a French deficit of 5.1 % of GDP in 2026 and 5.7 % in 2027, with debt rising to over 120 % of GDP. A report commissioned by the French Ministry of Finance, however, warns that without reforms, the deficit will reach 5.9 % in 2027 and almost 7 % in 2030.

In this connection:

1. In the light of these forecasts, does the Commission still consider that France has taken effective action within the meaning of Article 126 TFEU?
2. Will the Commission recommend to the Council that a failure to take effective action be determined and that the procedure continue to the next stages if France's 2027 budget does not result in a credible correction of the deficit by 2029?
3. How does the Commission intend to demonstrate that it applies the same criteria and consequences to France as it does to the other Member States?

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¹ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-10-2025-003433_EN.html.