

**Question for written answer E-003791/2026
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Self-building primary residences on small islands in need of population growth

The ‘My Home II’ housing programme funded by the Recovery and Resilience Facility provides for loans for the purchase of a primary residence but not for self-building a new home¹. This poses a major problem for small Greek islands such as Megisti/Kastellorizo, Symi, Chalki, Tilos and Kasos where available eligible housing stock is limited. The mayors of these islands have asked for the possibility for funding to be given to beneficiaries who own land on which to build their primary residence².

Article 174 TFEU requires particular attention to be paid to island regions facing severe and permanent natural or demographic handicaps³. In addition, the EU strategy for islands calls on Member States to increase the supply of affordable housing with targeted measures for islands⁴. Commission Recommendation (EU) 2026/2069 provides for locally adapted measures, accelerated construction and the use of EU financial instruments in areas under housing stress⁵.

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

1. Does it consider that specific funding programmes for the construction of a primary residence on privately owned land on small islands are compatible with the current EU framework?
2. Does it intend to explicitly provide for such a possibility through the new European funding tools for affordable housing?
3. Will it encourage Greece to establish a special housing facility for small islands in need of population growth?

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¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/En/ALL/?uri=CELEX%3A52026PC0412>.

² <https://origin.rodiki.gr/article/553418/dhmarxos-kastellorizoy-parembash-gia-to-spiti-moy-ii-na-mporoyn-oi-neoi-twn-mikrwn-nhsiwn-na-xtizoyn-prwth-katoikia>.

³ https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/treaty/tfeu_2008/art_174/oj/eng.

⁴ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A52026DC0520>.

⁵ https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=OJ%3AL_202602069.