

**Question for written answer E-003858/2026
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Penalties loom for Greece due to its failure to meet EU recycling targets

Waste Framework Directive 2008/98/EC, as amended, set targets for preparing for the recycling of urban waste, as follows: 55 % by 2025, 60 % by 2030 and 65 % by 2035. Directive 94/62/EC, as amended, set corresponding recycling targets, including an overall target of 65 % by 2025.

According to Eurostat figures and relevant Commission reports from 2023 and 2025, Greece is lagging far behind the 55 % target, with the Commission ranking it as one of the countries at risk of failing to achieve the set targets. That is despite national spending and co-funded projects in this area. Indeed, Greece notified the Commission of its intention to postpone the attainment of the target, with potential penalties set to fall on the taxpayer.

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

1. Can it confirm, based on the final data for 2025, that Greece has failed to meet the set target?
2. What infringement proceedings or financial consequences is it considering against Greece if the target is found not to have been met?
3. How does it monitor and ensure that the relevant EU and European taxpayer funding is absorbed into the implementation of the above framework directive and does not end in public and EU funds being wasted?

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