

**Question for written answer E-004048/2026  
to the Commission**  
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**Subject:** West Nile virus – EU funding and single early warning system

The spread of West Nile virus in Greece paints a particularly worrying picture. According to the Greek National Public Health Organisation, 232 cases and 19 fatalities had been recorded in Greece as of 26 August 2026, with 75 new cases reported in just one week. Cases have been detected in 61 municipalities, while 73 patients have been hospitalised – 26 of them in intensive care.

At the same time, the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control notes that mosquito-borne disease transmission seasons are becoming longer and more intense in Europe, with mosquito surveillance and control varying significantly from country to country.

Given that scientific tools for assessing risk and providing early warnings are now available, including at local level, and that changing climatic conditions are increasing the risk, can the Commission say:

1. What specific European financial and technical tools can Greece use to strengthen systematic mosquito surveillance, early warning systems and integrated prevention and control programmes?
2. Does it intend to strengthen European coordination with a view to establishing a more harmonised system for the surveillance, risk assessment and early warning of mosquito-borne diseases, making use of common data and scientific tools at EU level?

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