

Question for written answer E-004121/2026
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Complaint to the European Public Prosecutor's Office for misuse of EU funds intended for fisheries support

According to reports, the 'Archipelagos' Institute has filed a petition with the European Public Prosecutor's Office regarding ongoing cases of fraud and misuse of EU funds within the framework of the Greek Operational Programme for Fisheries and the Sea (OPFS) 2014-2020 which were channelled into Greece in the period 2021-2026.

According to the available information, at least EUR 52 million intended for fisheries support were allegedly channelled – in violation of their functional purpose – to businesses unrelated to fisheries, in breach of the stipulated eligibility criteria. The above comes at a time when a series of similar scandals are weighing on the public sphere in Greece.

In view of this:

1. Has the Commission become aware of the case in question in any way?
2. Regardless of any independent criminal investigation into the matter, has the Commission ever taken action within the framework of its audit and supervisory responsibilities regarding the management and absorption of the specific funds? If not, will the Commission do so immediately following the revelations in question?
3. How does the Commission intend to improve the protocol for early detection and intervention in payment systems and in checks on relevance and fulfilment of obligations?

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