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Subject: Three years since the railway accident in Tempi, Greece

28 February 2026 marks the three-year anniversary of the railway accident in Tempi, a national tragedy for Greece. On 28 February 2023, 57 people violently lost their lives in the deadliest railway accident ever recorded in the country.

Three years later, serious questions remain unanswered regarding the causes of the tragedy, identifying the responsible institutions or persons, systemic failures, accountability, and, most importantly, the full respect for the rights of the victims and their families. The accident has a clear European dimension, as it occurred on European Union territory, on a railway network governed by EU railway safety legislation, and in a context linked to the use of European funds.

Nevertheless, relatives of the victims report ongoing obstacles in their pursuit of justice, such as delays, restrictions, and lack of access to independent and specialised forensic examinations. Particular concern arises from the fact that sufficient guarantees of independence, transparency and scientific integrity do not appear to be ensured with regard to the necessary exhumations of the victims, which are critical for clarifying the causes of death and attributing responsibility.

These concerns raise serious issues of compatibility with EU law and the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights, particularly regarding the right to effective judicial protection, good administration and respect for human dignity.

The Commission is therefore asked:

1. What is it doing to guarantee that the investigation process remains reliable and transparent for the victims and society?

2. What is it doing to guarantee the independence and impartiality of the investigation into the Tempi accident?

3. What specific measures does it intend to take to ensure that any exhumation of the bodies will be carried out with full guarantees of justice, independence, transparency and scientific objectivity, and that the documented requests of the victims' families will be duly taken into account?

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