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Question for written answer E-004063/25
to the Commission
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(15 October 2025)

Subject: Systematic violation of flight safety legislation in Greece

Greece is systematically breaching obligations to comply with European flight safety legislation. There are currently three active infringement procedures against Greece:

On 24 April 2024, the country was sent a letter of formal notice ⁽¹⁾ and on 16 December 2024 a reasoned opinion ⁽²⁾ on the failure to implement the performance-based navigation (PBN) procedures under Regulations (EU) 2018/1048 and 2018/1139. On 16 December 2024, Greece received a letter of formal notice for its failure to implement aircraft identification technology under Regulation (EU) 2017/373 ⁽³⁾. On 18 April 2024, the Court of Justice of the EU ruled against Greece for failing to comply with Regulation (EC) No 29/2009 laying down requirements on data link services ⁽⁴⁾, and on 3 October 2024 the country received a letter of formal notice to comply with the judgment ⁽⁵⁾. A communication from the Ministry of Transport dated 5 June 2025 claimed that a '346-point action plan' had been agreed and drawn up with a view to adapting to European legislation and that a draft law was being prepared ⁽⁶⁾.

In view of the fact that, to date, there has been no comprehensive public information on the content and deadlines of the 'action plan', can the Commission say:

1. Has an action plan been submitted by the Greek Government and what is its implementation timeline?
2. Given that the country's compliance with European legislation is unduly delayed, undermining flight safety, is the aforementioned timeline being adhered to?
3. Who is guaranteeing the safety of flights in Greek airspace pending the country's compliance with European legislation?

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Answer given by Mr Tzitzikostas on behalf of the European Commission
(19 January 2026)

The Commission is in close contact with the Greek authorities and receives regular progress reports on the actions implemented and programmed by the Hellenic Civil Aviation Authority (H-CAA) to achieve compliance with the EU Regulations related to the three infringement procedures indicated in the Honourable Member's question.

The Commission remains committed to ensuring full compliance by the Greek authorities with EU law and proactively follows up on all three infringements.

In December 2025, the Commission while acknowledging the efforts to take necessary measures by the Greek authorities, at this stage, considers that the progress has been insufficient and therefore decided to refer Greece to the Court of Justice of the European Union for failing to put in place the necessary measures to design and publish performance-based navigation (PBN) procedures at Greek airports.

In addition, the Commission decided to send a reasoned opinion to Greece for failing to implement the aircraft identification technology (deployment of radars).

The H-CAA is the national competent authority that is responsible for the day-to-day oversight and enforcement of EU safety related regulations in Greece.

The European Aviation Safety Agency supports the H-CAA and other national competent authorities by checking their safety oversight through regular standardisation visits.

¹ https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/inf_24_1941

² https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/inf_24_6006

³ https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/inf_24_6006

⁴ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:62022CJ0599>

⁵ https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/inf_24_4561

⁶ <http://www.ypa.gr/news/sxedio-nomoy-gia-thn-anadiorganwsh-ths-yphresias-politikhs-aeroporias-kai-metatroph-ths-se-n-p-d-d>