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Compliance with EU aviation safety standards is a primary responsibility of the Greek National Competent Authority, under the oversight of the EU Aviation Safety Agency (EASA). There are three ongoing air traffic management (ATM) related infringement procedures against Greece: on Datalink¹, deployment of radars², and implementation of performance-based navigation at airports³. The Commission expects the new Greek Law n°5240/2025 will provide the Greek air navigation service provider with the autonomy, resources and capabilities necessary to modernise the Greek ATM infrastructure.

The Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) under the Single European Sky ATM Research initiative (SESAR) is the main EU instrument for ATM infrastructure modernisation. Since 2014, Greece has been awarded nearly EUR 30 million with a 50% absorption for closed/concluded projects. Under the cohesion policy, EUR 46.3 million were spent for airport infrastructure and air safety projects in the 2014-2020 programming period, and some EUR 26 million were allocated since 2021 for security, safety and ATM systems. As part of its recovery and resilience plan⁴, Greece has prioritised EASA compliance rectification works at 13 regional airports for more than EUR 120 million⁵.

The European Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency monitors the use of EU funding for CEF projects, in accordance with applicable rules. EU funding for mandated modernisation is not available beyond regulatory deadlines. Since June 2025, the Commission services, supported by EASA, EUROCONTROL and the SESAR Deployment Manager, are reviewing Greece's progress reports on its actions to achieve compliance with EU law, including its investments in critical infrastructure.

¹ https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/inf_24_4561, letter of formal notice sent on 03/10/2024.

² https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/inf_25_2745, reasoned opinion adopted on 11.12.2025.

³ https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_25_2864, referral decision adopted on 11.12.2025.

⁴ https://commission.europa.eu/business-economy-euro/economic-recovery/recovery-and-resilience-facility/country-pages/greeces-recovery-and-resilience-plan_en#repowereu-measures-in-greeces-plan.

⁵ Under recovery and resilience plan measure 16833 titled 'Implementation of airport safety works'.