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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Fitto
on behalf of the European Commission
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1. Cohesion Policy 2021–2027 in Greece supports healthcare under the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)¹ with some EUR 327 million and the European Social Fund Plus (ESF+)² with some EUR 240 million with measures such as TOMYs³ and KOMYs⁴. For the Acheloos Valley, the programmes ‘Thessalia’, ‘Dytiki Ellada’, ‘Ipeiros’ and ‘Sterea Ellada’ have allocated under ERDF some EUR 64 million for building and upgrading health centres and essential infrastructure. The common agricultural policy, LEADER programme and Recovery and Resilience Facility fund rural health services.

2. The upcoming Right to Stay Strategy will address demographic challenges, with actions that among others will improve access to basic health services. According to Article 168(7) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union⁵, Member States are responsible for organising and delivering health services while the EU supports them with technical assistance and funding. The European Semester addresses challenges including in relation to the accessibility of healthcare.

3. The Cohesion Policy 2021-2027 regulatory framework⁶ allows investment in the creation or modernisation of health infrastructure, including to reduce territorial disparities in access to healthcare. Under shared management Member States prepare and implement programmes and select operations. Support for health must be consistent with the national⁷ strategic policy framework for health required under Thematic Enabling Condition 4.6.

¹ Regulation (EU) 2021/1058 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 June 2021 on the European Regional Development Fund and on the Cohesion Fund, <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2021/1058/oj>. <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32021R1060>.

² Regulation (EU) 2021/1057 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 June 2021 establishing the European Social Fund Plus (ESF+) and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1296/2013, <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2021/1057/oj>.

³ Topikes Monades Ygeias - Local Health Units.

⁴ Kinities Omades Ygeias - Mobile Health Units.

⁵ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:12012E/TXT&from=en>.

⁶ Regulation (EU) 2021/1060 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 June 2021 laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund Plus, the Cohesion Fund, the Just Transition Fund and the European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund and financial rules for those and for the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund, the Internal Security Fund and the Instrument for Financial Support for Border Management and Visa Policy, <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2021/1060/oj>.

⁷ https://www.edespa-ygeia.gr/media/zagb3plm/national_health_strategy_2021_2027.pdf.