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**Question for written answer E-003049/26  
to the Commission  
Galato Alexandraki (ECR)  
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*Subject:* Water management in Greece and implementation of the European Water Resilience Strategy

The Commission has highlighted water resilience as a European priority, emphasising the need to protect the water cycle, reduce leakages, modernise infrastructure and improve water efficiency. In parallel, a specific technical support project was approved for 2026 to modernise the management of water services in Greece.

In view of this, can the Commission answer the following:

1. How will it monitor whether Greece is using EU technical support to achieve genuine water management reform and not to make purely formal administrative changes?
2. Does it intend to ask the Greek Government for quantitative targets for leakage reduction, water reuse, groundwater protection and support for rural areas affected by drought?
3. Will it link future water funding to measurable results and transparency in the way water providers operate?

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**Answer given by Ms Roswall on behalf of the European Commission  
(11 September 2026)**

The Commission will monitor EU technical support to Greece through standard Technical Support Instrument governance <sup>(1)</sup>, including the Log Frame Approach with outcome/impact indicators. Greece remains subject to EU water *acquis* obligations.

The Commission will follow implementation closely with Greek authorities and partners to ensure operational, not merely administrative, improvements.

The aim is to strengthen the governance, functioning and efficiency of water services.

Under the recast Drinking Water Directive <sup>(2)</sup>, Member States reported leakage assessments by January 2026; the Commission will propose a leakage threshold via delegated act by January 2028. The Water Reuse Regulation <sup>(3)</sup> sets no mandatory targets and will be evaluated by June 2028.

The Water Framework Directive <sup>(4)</sup> requires good quantitative groundwater status by 2027. Under the Water Resilience Strategy <sup>(5)</sup>, guidance on drought management and drought indicators will be published in 2026.

Under the Cohesion Policy 2021-2027 <sup>(6)</sup>, water sector performance is monitored via output/result indicators, with reimbursement conditional on the applicable thematic enabling condition <sup>(7)</sup>.

The next Multiannual Financial Framework <sup>(8)</sup> proposal includes water investment fields, with a performance framework for transparent monitoring of EU financial support.

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<sup>(1)</sup> [https://commission.europa.eu/funding-and-tenders/find-funding/eu-funding-programmes/technical-support-instrument\\_en](https://commission.europa.eu/funding-and-tenders/find-funding/eu-funding-programmes/technical-support-instrument_en).

<sup>(2)</sup> Directive (EU) 2020/2184 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2020 on the quality of water intended for human consumption (recast), OJ L 435, 23.12.2020, pp. 1-62.

<sup>(3)</sup> Regulation (EU) 2020/741 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 May 2020 on minimum requirements for water reuse, OJ L 177, 5.6.2020, p. 32-55.

<sup>(4)</sup> Directive 2000/60/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2000 establishing a framework for Community action in the field of water policy, OJ L 327, 22.12.2000, pp. 1-73.

<sup>(5)</sup> [https://commission.europa.eu/topics/environment/water-resilience-strategy\\_en](https://commission.europa.eu/topics/environment/water-resilience-strategy_en).

<sup>(6)</sup> [https://ec.europa.eu/regional\\_policy/2021-2027\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/2021-2027_en).

<sup>(7)</sup> 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, OJ L 231, 30.6.2021, pp.159-706, as amended, Article 15, Article 16 and Annex IV.

<sup>(8)</sup> [https://commission.europa.eu/strategy-and-policy/eu-budget/long-term-eu-budget/eu-budget-2028-2034\\_en](https://commission.europa.eu/strategy-and-policy/eu-budget/long-term-eu-budget/eu-budget-2028-2034_en).