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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Ribera
on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commission last approved State aid to Greek banks in 2015¹. The restructuring period in all of these cases has since successfully ended, and the banks concerned are no longer subject to any restrictions stemming from State aid decisions and the monitoring phase has ended. Given that the banks are private (and privately-owned) undertakings, therefore free to determine their lending and deposit activities and their interest rates, including those applicable to political parties in Greece.

If these activities were to violate any regulatory requirement for banks, such as especially those set out in the Capital Requirements Directive² and Regulation³, it would fall under the remit of the competent authority of the banks, which can be either the European Central Bank or the Bank of Greece.

¹ See Commission decisions in case SA.43365 – Amendment of the restructuring plan of Eurobank Ergasias, case SA.43364 – Amendment of the restructuring plan of Alpha Bank, case SA.43366 – Amendment of the restructuring plan of National Bank of Greece, and case SA.43367 – Amendment of the restructuring plan of Piraeus Bank, as amended in 2019.

² OJ L, 2024/1619, 19.6.2024, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dir/2024/1619/oj>.

³ OJ L, 2024/1623, 19.6.2024, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/1623/oj>.