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**Priority question for written answer P-001602/25
to the Commission
Nikolaos Anadiotis (NI)
(22 April 2025)**

Subject: Maritime Spatial Planning — Greece's non-compliance with European law

According to Directive 2014/89/EU ⁽¹⁾, Member States were required to adopt and implement maritime spatial plans by 31 March 2021. Greece has not yet complied, which affects not only its national interests but also the interests of the EU as a whole, as it undermines the uniform application of European law and the sustainable development of maritime areas.

The Greek Government invoked *force majeure*, namely the negotiations on the delimitation of the EEZ with Egypt, among others. However, on 27 February 2025, the Court of Justice of the European Union definitively condemned Greece for its non-compliance (Case C-128/24 ⁽²⁾), rejecting the argument by noting that the obligation to comply cannot be suspended due to bilateral negotiations and that Member States must comply with their obligations regardless of internal or external factors, and imposed a fine. On 16 April 2025, the Greek Government hastily published an 'MSP Charter'. ⁽³⁾

In view of the above, does the charter in question meet the requirements of the directive and is it sufficient to suspend the administrative fine that Greece is paying for its non-compliance immediately, following the rulings against it by the European Court?

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**Answer given by Mr Kadis on behalf of the European Commission
(12 June 2025)**

On 27 February 2025, the Court of Justice ruled that, by not having drawn up a maritime spatial plan by 31 March 2021 and by not having sent copies of that plan to the Commission and the other Member States concerned, Greece has failed to comply with its obligations under Directive 2014/89/EU ⁽¹⁾ to adopt and communicate to the Commission its maritime spatial plan (Court judgment in Case C-128/24).

Greece has taken steps towards ensuring compliance, i.e. towards finalising, adopting and communicating to the Commission its maritime spatial plan, but these are still to be finalised. The Commission is currently in a dialogue with Greece to support and ensure compliance with the judgment and will continue to closely monitor the situation.

It is to be noted that no fine is currently running against Greece following the Court judgment.

¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/dir/2014/89/oj?eliuri=eli%3A2014%3A89%3Aoj&locale=el>.

² <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EL/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A62024CJ0128>

³ <https://www.mfa.gr/gia-proti-fora-sti-chora-thalassios-chorotaxikos-schediasmos-2/>

⁽¹⁾ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/dir/2014/89/oj/eng>.