

**Question for written answer E-001463/2024
to the Commission**

Rule 144

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Subject: Cancellation of tender for the construction of Regional Civil Protection Operations Centres and risk of loss of funding from the Recovery Fund

In 2020, New Democracy adopted a new civil protection law (Law No 4662/2020), which provided for the creation of 13 Regional Civil Protection Operations Centres. Part of the funding for their construction was to come from the Recovery and Resilience Fund. However, as PASOK Member of Parliament A. Poulas pointed out, construction of these centres has not gone ahead and it seems that the tender procedure is being cancelled, which means the project is at risk of losing EU funding.

It should be noted that four years on from its adoption, Law No 4662/2020 has essentially not been implemented and is nothing more than an empty shell. The lack of effective prevention policies and the pressing need for the Regional Civil Protection Operations Centres to be built became all too clear in 2021 when fires destroyed an area of over 130 744 hectares and in 2023 when 174 773 hectares were reduced to ashes.

In view of this:

1. Is the Commission aware of the potential cancellation of the tender for the 13 Regional Civil Protection Operations Centres and is there any possibility for the relevant funds from the Recovery Fund to be redirected so that they are not lost because of the Government?
2. Has the Greek Government sought assistance from the EU Civil Protection Mechanism following the devastating fires in 2021 and 2023, in order to update the national prevention and response plans, as PASOK has called for in Parliament?
3. Has the Commission suggested to the Greek Government a review of the national plans and the provision of know-how for the plans to be improved?

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