

**Question for written answer E-002804/2024  
to the Commission**  
Rule 144  
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**Subject:** Implementation of forest maps and protection of private property in Greece

The establishment and ratification of forest maps in Greece has created significant problems. A large proportion of citizens' private land is at risk of being classified as public, leading to serious consequences for citizens and local communities. The issue of land ownership has remained unresolved since the establishment of the Greek State. Recent developments have exacerbated confusion and uncertainty.

In particular, Law 4685/2020, which was declared constitutional by the Greek Council of State, provides that land subject to administrative acts of the State – such as land declared and subsidised as agricultural land through IACS, approved urban plans and agricultural plots included in funded programmes – must be excluded from the forest maps. However, this rule is not fully implemented, resulting in continual property disputes and human rights violations.

Given that resolving this issue is vital for social justice, the sustainability of the rural economy and public confidence in the institutions, can the Commission say:

1. How can it help with ensuring the correct application of Law 4685/2020 in order to safeguard citizens' rights and guarantee the protection of private property?
2. Has the Commission envisaged mechanisms or guidelines to resolve such instances where environmental protection conflicts with property rights in Member States?
3. Are there any EU programmes or funding tools that can be used to document and regulate property rights, taking into account the need for sustainable management of natural resources?

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