Question for written answer E-000009/2025/rev.1 to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Taking measures to resolve the problem on the Kifissos river

With a length of 27 kilometres, the Kifissos is one of the largest rivers in the Attica region and affects urban areas as it passes through 15 municipalities. It is the road artery of the Attica basin, since at rush hour tens of thousands of vehicles per hour pass through it.

According to reports in the last 24 hours – on television channels, radio stations and news broadcasts – from cavers who investigated the area, the walls of the riverbed have been destroyed, creating a third lake. The Attica Region has already started work on cleaning the Kifissos, but the problems persist. The new developments, with the existence of three lakes, are prompting questions from experts, legitimate concerns and the need for immediate intervention by the Commission for fresh funding of the Kifissos restoration works.

The Commission's new Commissioner for the Budget informed us at his hearing that under the next Multiannual Financial Framework the regions will be solely responsible for receiving funding for projects in their areas.

In view of the above:

- 1. Does the Commission plan to provide funding to remedy the problem in full?
- 2. Will it support any project linked to flood protection for the Kifissos and Attica?
- 3. Will it recommend any project that will contribute to the upgrading of Attica's road network?

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