Question for written answer E-001095/2024 to the Commission Rule 138 Nikos Papandreou (S&D)

Subject: Water resource management in Thessaly/Greece

In light of the March infringement package, the Commission decided to refer Greece to the ECJ due to its failure to complete the revision of its river basin management plans and flood risk management plans. At the end of 2023, the preliminary second revision of the river basin management plans were published for consultation. Meanwhile, Greece solicited advice from a Dutch company in order to put together a plan to repair the damage caused by the Thessaly floods. The plan proposes measures and projects that are not included in the Greek draft river basin management plans. At the same time, Thessaly's Governor presented an agricultural rehabilitation proposal for Thessaly, which includes water management projects.

Bearing in mind that the Thessaly plain is the largest in Greece and is the heart of Greek agricultural production, can the Commission answer the following:

- 1. How does it intend to help Greece with its water resource planning, since it seems to be lost in the midst of different and contrasting plans and proposals?
- 2. What steps does it intend to take concerning the proposed projects if these are not aligned with the water resource development programmes?

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