


# Procedure file

Basic information		
IMM - Members' immunity	<a href="#">2016/2083(IMM)</a>	Procedure completed
Request for the waiver of the immunity of Sotirios Zarianopoulos		
Subject 8.40.01.03 Members' immunity		

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	 <a href="#">Legal Affairs</a>	 <a href="#">LEBRETON Gilles</a>	24/05/2016

Key events			
11/07/2016	Vote in committee		
15/07/2016	Committee report tabled for plenary	<a href="#">A8-0233/2016</a>	Summary
13/09/2016	Results of vote in Parliament		
13/09/2016	Decision by Parliament	<a href="#">T8-0325/2016</a>	Summary
13/09/2016	End of procedure in Parliament		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2016/2083(IMM)
Procedure type	IMM - Members' immunity
Procedure subtype	Waiver of immunity
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 6
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 159
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	JURI/8/06534

Documentation gateway					
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		<a href="#">A8-0233/2016</a>	15/07/2016	EP	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		<a href="#">T8-0325/2016</a>	13/09/2016	EP	Summary

## Request for the waiver of the immunity of Sotirios Zarianopoulos

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The Committee on Legal Affairs unanimously adopted the report by Gilles LEBRETON (ECR, FR) in which it called on the European Parliament to waive the immunity of Sotirios ZARIANOPOULOS (NI, EL).

The public prosecutor at the Greek Supreme Court requested the waiver of the immunity of Sotirios Zarianopoulos MEP in connection with his activities as a city councillor.

The proposed proceedings concern the issuing in 2011 by Thessaloniki City Council of allegedly illegal permits to use public property for the purpose of setting up outside seating areas on pavements. Sotirios Zarianopoulos is to be prosecuted in his capacity as a former member of that city council.

The Greek authorities are proposing to prosecute Sotirios Zarianopoulos for failing to comply with legal obligations jointly with others.

The proposed proceedings are clearly unrelated to Sotirios Zarianopoulos status as a Member of the European Parliament, but are related to his former mandate as a member of Thessaloniki City Council.

The proposed proceedings do not concern opinions expressed or votes cast in the performance of the duties of the Member of the European Parliament in question within the meaning of Article 8 of Protocol No 7 on the Privileges and Immunities of the European Union. Therefore, the committee recommended the European to waive the immunity of Sotirios Zarianopoulos.

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The European Parliament decided to waive the immunity of Sotirios ZARIANOPOULOS (NI, EL).

Parliament recalled that he is pursued in Greece for having allegedly granted illegal permits to use public property for the purpose of setting up outside seating areas on pavements.

Given that the proposed proceedings are clearly unrelated to Sotirios Zarianopoulos status as a Member of the European Parliament, but are related to his former mandate as a member of Thessaloniki City Council and that they do not concern opinions expressed or votes cast in the performance of the duties of the Member of the European Parliament, Parliament decided to waive the immunity of Sotirios Zarianopoulos.