




# Procedure file

Basic information	
IMM - Members' immunity	2023/2025(IMM)
Request for the waiver of the immunity of Georgios Kyrtzos	Procedure completed
Subject 8.40.01.03 Members' immunity	

Key players			
European Parliament	Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
	 <a href="#">Legal Affairs</a>	 <a href="#">LAGODINSKY Sergey</a>	28/02/2023

Key events			
27/06/2023	Vote in committee		
04/07/2023	Committee report tabled for plenary	<a href="#">A9-0231/2023</a>	Summary
11/07/2023	Results of vote in Parliament		
11/07/2023	Decision by Parliament	<a href="#">T9-0251/2023</a>	Summary

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2023/2025(IMM)
Procedure type	IMM - Members' immunity
Procedure subtype	Waiver of immunity
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 6; Rules of Procedure EP 9-p14
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 159
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	JURI/9/11350

Documentation gateway					
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		<a href="#">A9-0231/2023</a>	04/07/2023	EP	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		<a href="#">T9-0251/2023</a>	11/07/2023	EP	Summary

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The Committee on Legal Affairs adopted the report by Sergey LAGODINSKY (Greens/EFA/EFA, DE) on the request for waiver of the immunity of Georgios Kyrtzos.

As reminder, the Prosecutor of the Athens Court of First Instance requested the waiver of the immunity of Georgios Kyrtzos, Member of the European Parliament elected for Greece, in connection with criminal proceedings to be launched against him regarding non-payment of amounts owed to the Greek State.

Georgios Kyrtzos, in his capacity as CEO and legal representative of the company Free Sunday Publishing House Ltd., is accused of failing to pay EUR 459 918.18 owed to the Greek State.

Members consider that the alleged offence clearly has no direct link with the activities of Georgios Kyrtzos as a Member of the European Parliament, but instead relates to his former position as manager of his newspaper company.

In this case, Parliament has found no evidence of *fumus persecutionis*, which is to say factual elements indicating that the judicial investigation in question was initiated with the intention of damaging the political activity of the Member in his capacity as a Member of the European Parliament.

In the light of these considerations, the committee on legal affairs recommended that the European Parliament should decide to waive the immunity of Georgios Kyrtzos.

## Request for the waiver of the immunity of Georgios Kyrtzos

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The European Parliament decided to waive the immunity of Georgios Kyrtzos.

As reminder, the Prosecutor of the Athens Court of First Instance requested the waiver of the immunity of Georgios Kyrtzos, Member of the European Parliament elected for Greece, in connection with criminal proceedings to be launched against him regarding non-payment of amounts owed to the Greek State. Georgios Kyrtzos, in his capacity as CEO and legal representative of the company Free Sunday Publishing House Ltd., is accused of failing to pay EUR 459 918.18 owed to the Greek State.

Members considered that the alleged offence does not constitute an opinion or a vote cast in the performance of his duties as a Member of the European Parliament. The alleged offence clearly has no direct link with the activities of Georgios Kyrtzos as a Member of the European Parliament, but instead relates to his former position as manager of his newspaper company.

In this case, Parliament has found no evidence of *fumus persecutionis*, which is to say factual elements indicating that the judicial investigation in question was initiated with the intention of damaging the political activity of the Member in his capacity as a Member of the European Parliament.

Consequently, following the recommendation of its Legal Affairs Committee, the European Parliament has decided to waive the immunity of Georgios Kyrtzos.