

**Question for written answer E-001934/2024
to the Commission**
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Subject: Challenges facing the wine sector and how the EU is addressing them

The EU's wine sector makes a vital contribution to the economy and society in the EU. For instance, it is estimated that it creates 3 million direct and indirect full-time jobs and contributes around EUR 130 billion to Europe's GDP. At the same time, it is a mainstay of the EU's cultural heritage, conferring high added value and involving a complex production and manufacturing process.

The wine industry is having to adjust to new realities and challenges such as climate change and its effects on harvesting and production, as well as the impact the unstable geopolitical context has on exports. These challenges call for a coherent and comprehensive strategy for the future of European viticulture and wine, but also for a realistic and constructive health policy, which is already under way and must distinguish – on the basis of scientific evidence – between responsible, moderate drinking and alcohol abuse.

In view of this:

1. What does the Commission intend to do to enhance the industry's sustainability and competitiveness, and how does it plan to promote innovative and sustainable wine-growing practices and the associated learning programmes?
2. What action is it planning to take to bring the industry's producers relief from the increasingly frequent natural disasters?

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