

**Question for written answer E-002242/2024
to the Commission**
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Subject: Immediate compensation for Greek livestock farmers to deal with the sheep and goat pox outbreak

Greece is facing yet another serious epidemiological threat, as there has been a spike in cases of sheep and goat pox, a highly contagious animal disease. So far, 104 hotspots have been identified, 81 of which are in parts of Evros, while the rest are in Komotini, Xanthi, Kavala, Serres, Magnesia and Korinthia. In recent days, the mortality rate has shot up, taking on worrying proportions. Meanwhile, 17 500 sheep have been culled, in compliance with EU law. The Greek Government and the Ministry of Rural Development and Food took swift measures to ensure the safety of the animals and livestock farmers.

Given the huge losses endured by Greek livestock farmers in terms of livestock and income, can the Commission answer the following:

1. Does it plan to provide emergency financial support to fully and directly compensate Greek livestock farmers for the losses they have suffered as a result of the pox outbreak?
2. What measures does it intend to take to prevent the disease from spreading through the EU, and, in particular, in Greece?
3. Does it have any information concerning imports of sheep from Türkiye to Europe and the inadequate checks that are being carried out by Türkiye?

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