

**Question for written answer E-002537/2024
to the Commission**
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Subject: Support for Greek beekeeping in light of the negative consequences of climate change and increased production costs

The production of honey and other beekeeping products in Greece has dropped by more than 50 % this year. This is due not only to the severe drought witnessed but also to problems caused by diseases and non-native species. Meanwhile, large quantities of honey remain unsold. This is because big retail chains import honey from non-EU countries at much lower prices than the cost of production in Greece meaning that the prices of the lower quantities for sale do not cover the cost per kilo, which has gone through the roof.

Thus, beekeepers in Greece and across the EU are facing a very serious situation as, in addition to increased costs, they are dealing with a lack of revenue and a drop in the value of their product.

In view of the above:

1. What measures does the Commission intend to take to respond to the serious crisis in the honey market and guarantee the origin of honey?
2. Does it plan to provide special aid to the beekeeping sector to offset the drop in production and increased energy costs?

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