

**Question for written answer E-000659/2025
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Delay in PGI certification for ‘Crete’ olive oil

Olive oil is the most emblematic product of Crete and is of great financial value to the island. Nevertheless, the certification and confirmation of Protected Geographical Indication (PGI) status has been pending with the European Commission since June 2021.

It is widely known that granting PGI status to a European product contributes to the creation of new jobs and an increase in agricultural income. However, in the case of ‘Crete’ olive oil, this process has been significantly delayed, which is particularly detrimental to the product and to all those directly involved in its production, distribution, sale and consumption. Four years have passed since the initial submission of the application, with no results so far, while in cases of corresponding PGI olive oil products from other Member States the process is much shorter.

In light of the above:

1. Does the Commission agree that the delay in granting PGI status to ‘Crete’ olive oil undermines its commercial prospects?
2. Why has the process not been expedited?
3. When is the submission of the PGI file for ‘Crete’ olive oil for final approval planned to take place?

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