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Subject: Corruption case in Greece – restoring trust in the EU's control system

Discussions on the next multiannual financial framework for 2028–2034 are currently underway across the EU institutions, together with the Member States and stakeholders. A strong and reliable financial framework is particularly crucial for agriculture, given current geopolitical challenges. However, the effective mobilisation of common agricultural policy (CAP) funds relies heavily on public trust that these funds are properly managed and allocated for their intended purpose.

Recent media reports have exposed large-scale fraud involving CAP funds in Greece, with estimated losses reaching up to EUR 45 million annually.

1. What measures is the Commission taking to support the European Public Prosecutor's Office in uncovering the criminal misuse of EU agricultural funds and what lessons does it draw for its own audit and control services to improve fraud prevention and risk mitigation in the future?

2. How does the Commission plan to restore public and stakeholder confidence in the financial auditing and control system across all Member States to ensure the necessary legitimacy of EU agricultural funding? What steps will the Commission take to guarantee that national control systems provide the necessary safeguards for managing EU funds, particularly in the light of the CAP's performance-based model?

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