

**Question for written answer E-000954/2025
to the Commission**
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Subject: Delay in the absorption of CAP funds by Greece

In the first pillar of the Common Agricultural Policy, significant delays seem to be appearing in the disbursement of direct payments to farmers due to bureaucratic obstacles, negatively affecting the primary sector. Also, in the second pillar of the CAP, the low absorption rate of funds is limiting investment in the modernisation and sustainable development of rural areas.

In view of the above:

1. What is the Commission's assessment of the absorption rates of CAP funds (first and second pillars) by Greece?
2. Will the Commission consider putting in place special measures or providing technical assistance to speed up payments and remove bureaucratic obstacles?
3. How does the Commission assess the effectiveness of the Greek administration in implementing CAP programmes and what actions does it intend to take to strengthen transparency and resource management?

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