

Question for written answer E-001489/2025
to the Commission
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Subject: Delays and problems in payments of agricultural subsidies by OPEKEPE

Greek farmers are facing problems due to persistent delays in the payment of subsidies by OPEKEPE. In particular, thousands of producers have still not received all the aid they are entitled to for 2023. Around 9 000 farmers have not been paid at all, while 19 000 were underpaid due to errors by the agency.

At the same time, there have been instances of mismanagement and fraud in relation to the agricultural subsidies. As a result, European funds often end up lining the pockets of individuals or companies that have nothing to do with the agricultural sector, thereby depriving the rightful beneficiaries of resources. For this reason, the European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO) is already investigating dozens of unlawful disbursements of EU agricultural subsidies.

Bearing in mind that, in 2024, the Commission imposed a penalty on Greece for OPEKEPE's management and warned that if no corrective measures were taken, Greece would risk losing EU funding for agricultural subsidies, can the Commission say:

1. Is there any way to ensure that the delayed subsidies are paid immediately and in full to Greek farmers?
2. Is there a system for monitoring the award of agricultural subsidies from the beginning, in order to prevent fraud and enhance transparency?
3. How does it check that the Greek authorities are respecting the criteria for the proper allocation of European funds?

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