

**Question for written answer E-001692/2025
to the Commission**
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Subject: Support for regions disproportionately affected by the water crisis and equity measures in the upcoming Water Resilience Strategy

According to the European Environment Agency, urgent action is needed to increase water resilience in the context of climate change. Romania is facing serious problems: over 60 % of wastewater is not properly treated, 23 % of drinking water is lost due to ageing infrastructure, and under 10 % of agricultural land is irrigated, with no real-time access to data on water resources.

In light of these challenges and the objectives of the upcoming European Water Resilience Strategy, would the Commission please answer the following questions:

1. How does the Commission intend to support farmers with limited financial and technical resources in remedying the lack of infrastructure and increasing water efficiency in agriculture?
2. Does the Commission plan to develop specific funding instruments or flexibility mechanisms to prevent the burden of the necessary investment from falling disproportionately on citizens, farmers and consumers in resource-limited regions, especially in Southern and Eastern Europe, where droughts and desertification are the most severe?
3. What steps will the Commission take to ensure that water pricing policies are equitable and do not exacerbate inequalities in accessing clean water and affordable services across the Union?

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