

**Question for written answer E-001985/2025
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Compensation for livestock farmers in Thessaly - Delays in payment

Following the devastating floods of September 2023 in Thessaly, the European Commission approved significant financial support to Greece, aiming to relieve those affected and restore agricultural and livestock activity.

Specifically, the following provision was made: a) EUR 43 million through the agricultural reserve for direct compensation to farmers and livestock farmers¹, b) EUR 101.5 million through the EU Solidarity Fund, with an advance payment of EUR 25.3 million approved in January 2024² and c) full coverage of damages to livestock and facilities, according to statements by the competent Minister of Rural Development.

However, significant delays have been recorded in the payment of compensation to affected farmers. The 2nd equal instalment of just EUR 12.7 million was paid in March 2024³, which raises reasonable questions about the efficient and timely use of European funds.

In light of the above:

1. Have the Greek authorities kept the Commission informed of progress and the reasons for the delays in the payment of compensation?
2. Is the Commission monitoring the implementation of the relevant support measures and, if so, does it intend to request that the procedures be accelerated?
3. In the event of continued delays on the part of the national authorities, does the Commission intend to provide further support or intervene?

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¹ <https://www.globaltradealert.org/state-act/83177/greece-european-commission-approves-compensation-package-for-farmers>

² <https://www.ekathimerini.com/economy/1247120/e101-5-mln-in-eu-aid-for-thessaly/>

³ <https://www.archyde.com/thessaly-12-7-million-euros-were-paid-to-farmers-and-breeders-2024-03-25-215834/>