

**Question for written answer E-002554/2025
to the Commission**
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Subject: EUR 415 million fine for OPEKEPE's administrative failures: who ultimately pays the price?

The European Commission has fined Greece EUR 415 million for systematic administrative failures in the management of agricultural aid in the period 2009-2023. As the Ministry of Rural Development itself acknowledges, this is not a matter of producer fraud, but rather the result of inadequate checks, a lack of cross-checks with the IAPR, shortcomings in the land register, pasture maps, technical errors by private individuals and numerous years of institutional inaction.

Although the blame is being attributed to administrative or political persons, not a single charge has been initiated. Meanwhile, the fine is already set to be covered by the state budget. This means that ordinary taxpayers and honest farmers are bearing the consequences of scandals in which they had no part.

In view of this, can the Commission say:

1. How does it assess the failure of the Greek authorities to identify and punish those actually responsible?
2. Does it intend to request specific names of natural or legal persons responsible for the infringements?
3. Does it consider it fair to impose the fine on farmers and citizens who bear no responsibility for the management collapse of the competent bodies?

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