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Subject: European subsidies for South African wine producers

At a time when the European wine sector is experiencing an unprecedented crisis – marked by large-scale restructuring within its own vineyards, mass grubbing up, and growing distress among producers, including tragic cases of suicide – the South African wine sector has announced the release of a EUR 15 million EU subsidy to ‘promote diversity and inclusivity’ in farms across the country.

Beyond the legal considerations, the decision to release such an amount at the current time is a serious moral and political failure: how can financial support such as this for a non-EU country be justified when winegrowers in France and across Europe are on the brink of collapse, and essential funding is lacking?

Given the foregoing:

1. Where exactly do the funds for this subsidy come from?
2. Does the Commission intend to activate all possible political and legal levers to suspend or reverse this funding?
3. Will the Commission only react when tractors are rolling over the cobblestones of the Schuman roundabout?

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