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to the Commission
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Subject: Allocation of funds to South African wine while European sector rocked by crisis

The recent news of the allocation of EUR 15 million from the EU's Cooperation Fund to the South African wine industry is causing outrage among European producers, particularly those from countries where the sector is being rocked by crisis, such as France, which has been denied support for its grubbing-up campaign.

While that action is the product of agreements signed years ago, it seems paradoxical in the current day and age to provide third countries, whose producers compete with European producers, with funding for wine production, at a time when wine consumption is falling throughout Europe and the threat of tariffs is hampering trade.

The decision to reduce common agricultural policy (CAP) resources, opening the doors to the European market through agreements with Mercosur, thus weakening our supply chains and further undermining the EU's credibility in the eyes of our farmers, also appears completely out of line with the current state of European farming.

In the light of the above:

1. Does the Commission not consider it appropriate to completely revise its approach to European farming, both in the current context and in view of the upcoming budgetary discussions on the CAP?
2. Which countries outside the EU have received EU funds in the last three years for their farming and wine sectors?

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