

Question for written answer E-003252/2025
to the Commission
Rule 144
Yannis Maniatis (S&D)

Subject: Arbitrary exclusion of crops and Regional Units from Measure 23

Greece's 2014-2022 Rural Development Programme (RDP), which has been approved by the European Commission, provides for Measure 23 to ensure exceptional temporary liquidity support for farmers affected by natural disasters after 1 January 2024. The aim of this particular Measure is to protect the sustainability and ensure the development of the agricultural sector, which is facing difficult conditions due to climate change, including prolonged periods of drought and extreme heatwaves.

However, according to complaints that have been lodged, distribution of the available EUR 178 million, of which almost EUR 150 million comes from European funds, is marked by a lack of transparency as regards the eligible crops and Regional Units. These complaints indicate that the implementation of Measure 23 has taken on a clientelistic character, arbitrarily excluding support both for sectors that have been affected by climate change such as olives and currants, and for particular Regional Units with eligible crops, as in the case of the peanut producers of Fthiotida.

In view of the above, can the Commission say:

1. Despite the fact that the emergency Measure has already been submitted to the Commission, is it possible to amend it to correct possible deficiencies and injustices?
2. Does the Commission have the means to ensure equal and fair treatment for all Union producers under the same support measures regardless of Member State, given that, for example, Cyprus has included olives in this particular Measure?

Submitted: 18.8.2025