

Question for written answer E-003408/2025
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Exclusion of farmers from compensation due to restoration of debris damage to land ahead of time

Following the devastating floods caused by the natural disasters Daniel and Elias in September 2023, a joint ministerial decision was adopted to grant de minimis aid to farmers whose crops were affected by debris. However, producers who, in order not to lose the entire next growing season, promptly cleaned their flooded fields at their own expense and re-cultivated them in 2024 are exempt. Their exclusion from support is based on the fact that they did not declare their agricultural plots as ‘uncultivated due to debris’ in the 2024 IACS application, even though their damage had been officially recorded by the competent state aid committees.

Given the need for equal treatment for all affected farmers and in light of the European principle of fair compensation for natural disasters:

1. Has the Commission received information from the Greek authorities regarding the criterion on the basis of which farmers who immediately restored their flooded agricultural plots were excluded from de minimis payments?
2. How is it ensured in law at EU level that aid does not introduce unfair discrimination against farmers who acted promptly and responsibly?
3. What possibilities does the EU aid framework provide for the retroactive inclusion of these farmers, on the basis of documented records of damage, despite the fact that the areas were cultivated in 2024?

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