

**Question for written answer E-003484/2025
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Progress of EU-funded irrigation projects in Greece

Given the intensifying climate crisis, the natural disasters resulting from it and severe water scarcity¹, Greece is facing serious shortcomings in the optimisation of its water resources. Modernising and creating new irrigation infrastructure is crucial for adapting to the climate crisis and sustainably supporting agricultural production.

The approved Greek Recovery and Resilience Plan envisages specific investments to upgrade irrigation networks. Since 2019, a total of 31 irrigation projects with a nationwide geographical distribution have been approved for implementation with funding from the Rural Development Programme (RDP) 2014-2020².

Progress in their implementation, and the integration of complementary projects into newer European instruments, remains crucial in addressing the emerging crisis. However, questions arise about the inclusion of projects in European funding programmes, the progress of their funding, and possible removal of projects from EU funding lines.

In view of the above, can the Commission answer the following:

1. Since 2019, which and how many new irrigation projects in Greece have been included in EU funding programmes with a view to tackling water scarcity and the effects of climate change? Have any projects been removed from the corresponding programmes? If so, which projects and why?
2. Have any European funds been disbursed to date for any of the aforementioned irrigation projects? If so, for which projects and what is the amount of the allocated funding?

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¹ https://www.meteo.gr/article_view.cfm?entryID=3856

² <https://www.agrotikianaptixi.gr/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/%CE%A0%CE%99%CE%9D%CE%91%CE%9A%CE%91%CE%A3-%CE%91%CE%A0%CE%9F%CE%A4%CE%95%CE%9B%CE%95%CE%A3%CE%9C%CE%91%CE%A4%CE%A9%CE%9D-%CE%94%CE%99%CE%9F%CE%99%CE%9A%CE%97%CE%A4%CE%99%CE%9A%CE%9F%CE%A5-%CE%95%CE%9B%CE%95%CE%93%CE%A7%CE%9F%CE%A5-%CE%94%CE%A1%CE%91%CE%A3%CE%97%CE%A3-4.3.1.pdf>