

Question for written answer E-004781/2025
to the Commission
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Subject: Assistance to the EU wine sector – Flavescence Dorée

The ‘Flavescence Dorée’ disease represents a critical phytosanitary threat to the EU’s wine sector, and is currently affecting a significant number of Member States at an unprecedented scale. The cross-border proliferation of this disease poses a substantial risk to the EU’s economic and trade activities, leaving individual winegrowers largely unable to manage its containment effectively.

Consequently, there is an urgent need for a coordinated, EU-wide strategy for preventing and managing the spread of this disease. As negotiations on the new wine package are ongoing, a request has been submitted to grant priority support for community actions undertaken by interbranch organisations or by wineries managing geographical indications. This priority action has been requested to be funded at a 100 % support rate.

Nevertheless, it is recognised that this measure alone may be insufficient to fully address the scale of the challenge.

1. Does the Commission support the request from Parliament and the Council regarding the new wine package mentioned above?
2. What other actions is the Commission taking or planning to undertake to control the spread of the disease?
3. What financial support options are currently available to Member States and individual winegrowers in their efforts against this disease?

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