

Question for written answer E-001652/2026
to the Commission
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Subject: Targeted EU support for small-scale irrigation projects and smart irrigation in arid and island areas

The European Water Resilience Strategy envisages improving water efficiency by 10 % by 2030 and modernising infrastructure through financing and digital solutions. At the same time, the Commission itself states that for Greece over 70 % of agricultural land faces constraints such as soil aridity and insularity, while over 70 % of farms are smaller than 5 hectares.

Furthermore, the European Environment Agency records that Greece is among the Member States that faced water stress, particularly in spring and summer. In light of Directive 2000/60/EC:

1. Does the Commission intend to create a specific European instrument or targeted funding stream for small-scale irrigation projects, water storage, reuse and smart irrigation systems in arid and island areas?
2. Will the Commission provide for faster and simplified approval and funding procedures for small and family farms that cannot be included in large-scale projects?
3. How will the Commission ensure specific prioritisation, within the CAP, cohesion policy and the Water Resilience Strategy, for areas under permanent or seasonal water stress, such as the Greek islands and other arid and island areas?

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