

Question for written answer E-001653/2026
to the Commission
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Subject: Access to risk management tools for small and fragmented farms

On 25 March 2026, the Commission presented a study by the World Bank, which highlights that the EU needs a more coherent approach to agricultural risk management and that small farms face serious barriers to accessing tools due to high costs, limited options and complex procedures.

According to the Commission itself, Greece has around 600 000 farms with an average size of seven hectares, with more than 70 % measuring in at less than five hectares, while more than 70 % of agricultural land is located in areas with natural or particular constraints such as insularity, aridity and steep slopes.

Against this background, there is a serious risk that, in practice, it is mostly larger farms that are able to access the risk management tools set out in Article 76 of Regulation (EU) 2021/2115.

Can the Commission answer the following:

1. How will it ensure effective access to risk management tools for small and fragmented farms?
2. Is it considering specific increased support for small contracts and cooperative structures?
3. Will it require earmarking for island, mountain and other areas with natural constraints?

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