

Question for written answer E-001654/2026
to the Commission
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Subject: OPEKEPE, European Public Prosecutor's Office and protection of genuine farmers from the consequences of EU aid fraud

The European Public Prosecutor's Office announced on 1 April 2026 that it had requested the waiving of the immunity of 11 sitting MPs in the context of an investigation into an organised fraud scheme in agricultural funds through OPEKEPE, while it had already transmitted to the Parliament information about former ministers.

The Commission itself reported in February 2026 that, following serious deficiencies in the management and control system, OPEKEPE had been on probation since September 2024, with an extension until 26 March 2026, and that financial corrections of EUR 415 million had already been imposed.

Given that Articles 9 and 59 of Regulation (EU) 2021/2116 require a reliable paying agency and effective protection of the Union's financial interests, the Commission is asked:

1. What is the current accreditation and Union surveillance regime for OPEKEPE as of 26 March 2026?
2. What specific measures will the Commission take to ensure that legitimate farmers and livestock breeders receive their aid in a timely and complete manner?
3. How will the Commission ensure that the recovery of improperly paid amounts and the financial consequences fall on those who are actually responsible and not on honest producers?

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