

Question for written answer E-001880/2026
to the Commission
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Subject: Protecting actual Greek farmers from the consequences of the Government scandal at OPEKEPE

The scandal under investigation at OPEKEPE is challenging Greek farmers, as it becomes obvious that the weaknesses in the management of European funds are structural, while questions are raised about the adequacy of national control mechanisms, as well as 'independent authorities', at a time when the revelations 'are coming from outside'.

Responsibility seems to lie with administrative and political practices, and not with the producers themselves, who are currently faced with delays, aid reductions and increased uncertainty. At the same time, concerns have been expressed that, as a result of the controls and corrective measures, the flow of funding to Greek farmers may be restricted or budgetary corrections may be imposed that will horizontally affect beneficiaries.

It is important to note that the real value of agricultural production has been decreasing over the last 15 years. Correspondingly, the real income of farmers is also decreasing. This is outrageous for a country with excellent agricultural products and enormous untapped productive potential.

1. Does the Commission believe that it is morally right for responsibility that lies with administrative and governmental practices to affect actual Greek farmers who are fighting to survive?
2. What specific measures does the Commission intend to take to ensure that actual Greek farmers do not suffer the consequences of irregularities for which they are not responsible?
3. How does the Commission plan to press for the fastest possible investigation and clarification of the case, so as to stop the activity of the outgoing Government from harming Greek farmers?

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