

**Question for written answer E-003140/2026
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Reducing irrigation-related energy costs through energy communities in the agricultural sector

Farmers in the regional unit of Kavala, Greece, point out that the high cost of energy for the abstraction and distribution of irrigation water is one of the most significant factors undermining farms' competitiveness. Reliance on boreholes, combined with the reduced availability of water resources, leads to increased energy needs and a further burden on rural incomes.

The revised Directive (EU) 2023/2413 on the promotion of energy from renewable sources (RED III) recognises the role of energy communities and encourages the participation of citizens and local actors in the production and consumption of energy from renewable sources.

With this in mind, can the Commission answer the following:

1. How does it assess the uptake of energy communities by the agricultural sector in the Member States to date?
2. Does it intend to propose additional financial incentives for the creation of energy communities by producer groups and agricultural cooperatives?
3. Does the future CAP envisage special measures to reduce irrigation-related energy costs in areas affected by water scarcity and with increased water abstraction needs?

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