

Question for written answer E-003141/2026
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Compensation for agricultural damage caused during aerial firefighting operations

Producers in the regional unit of Kavala report that aerial firefighting operations caused significant damage to vineyards, as Erickson helicopters scooped water in areas where there were established crops. Those affected are calling for compensation for the damage incurred, pointing out that it was caused in the context of natural disaster response operations.

Given that the Union Civil Protection Mechanism, established by Decision 1313/2013/EU, strengthens Member State cooperation in responding to natural disasters, will the Commission say:

1. Are there European guidelines or best practices on compensation for damage caused unintentionally during civil protection operations?
2. Does it collect data on collateral damage that may be caused to farms during aerial firefighting operations?
3. Does it consider that further European coordination or an exchange of best practices is needed in order to ensure swift compensation for such damage in the Member States?

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