

**Question for written answer E-003223/2026/rev.1
to the Commission**
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Subject: Equal access of rural areas to natural disaster prevention measures

The Agricultural Cooperative of Pangaio points out that, despite the large concentration of perennial and tree crops, the area of Pangaio has not been included in the aerial anti-hail protection programme. The area is an important export centre for produce such as table grapes, kiwis, olives and almonds, which contribute substantially to the agricultural economy of Eastern Macedonia and to Greek agricultural exports. Producers report that the absence of preventive measures increases their exposure to risks associated with the increasingly frequent occurrence of extreme weather events.

The repeated hailstorms that have been recorded in recent years in various regions of Greece have caused extensive damage to tree crops and vineyards, highlighting the need to strengthen preventive measures. At the same time, other Member States are implementing broader risk prevention and management systems, through national or co-financed EU programmes.

The EU, through the CAP and in particular Regulation (EU) 2021/2115, encourages investments that contribute to risk prevention and to strengthening the resilience of agricultural holdings.

The Commission is asked:

1. Has the Commission assessed whether prevention investments receive sufficient support under the national CAP strategic plans?
2. Does the Commission intend to further strengthen European support for prevention measures, given that the cost of repairing damage from extreme weather events is constantly on the rise in the EU?

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