

**Question for written answer E-003476/2026
to the Commission**
Rule 144
Emmanouil Kefalogiannis (PPE)

Subject: EU funding for the protection and support of Graviera Kritis PDO

Graviera Kritis PDO cheese is one of the most emblematic Cretan agri-food products. It has a direct link with sheep and goat farming, the economic viability of mountainous areas and the preservation of Crete's food-producing tradition and cultural identity.

The establishment of an inter-branch organisation involving producers and manufacturers opens up significant prospects for better coordination of the chain, stronger protection of the designation, more effective marketing of the product and support for livestock farmers.

Strengthening the bargaining position of producers through producer organisations, associations and inter-branch organisations is a key priority of the common agricultural policy (CAP).

The creation of the inter-branch organisation for Graviera Kritis PDO is an opportunity to strengthen the collective organisation of the sector, in view also of the new CAP.

In light of the above, can the Commission answer the following:

1. What possibilities for financial and technical support can be leveraged for the introduction, recognition and operation of the inter-branch organisation for Graviera Kritis PDO, for designation protection and marketing actions?
2. Does it intend, in the context of the new CAP, to strengthen incentives and funding for producer organisations and inter-branch organisations, particularly in countries with a less structured setup?
3. What European collective organisation practices in the dairy and cheese sector could be leveraged to strengthen the position of Cretan livestock farmers and give the Graviera Kritis PDO even more visibility on the markets?

Submitted: 3.9.2026