

**Question for written answer E-003541/2026
to the Commission**

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Subject: Ensuring direct support for beekeepers and a special funding envelope in the new programming period 2028-2034

Following a previous question¹ on the need to support Greek and European beekeeping, the situation facing the sector remains critical and European support remains inadequate. In its reply², the Commission referred to the existing support tools that are available through the 2023-2027 CAP and stated that it would continue to work with Member States and industry representatives to consider further support measures.

However, the new funding structure for the 2028-2034 CAP, which will be delivered through the National and Regional Partnership Plans, raises legitimate concerns among industry representatives³ about maintaining the current distinct European financial framework for beekeeping⁴. It seems that, from now on, the support offered will be at the discretion of each Member State, with no European guarantees and guaranteed minimum allocations.

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

1. Does it intend to support the preservation of the special funding envelope for beekeeping with sufficient and guaranteed financial support within the new 2028-2034 CAP funding structure?
2. What measures does it intend to take under the new CAP to support the granting of annual subsidies for individual beehives for pollination services and to ensure both that they are adequately funded and that beekeepers from all Member States have equal access?
3. What initiatives will it take to support the beekeeping sector in Greece, where the effects of climate change are particularly acute?

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¹ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-10-2024-002941_EN.html.

² https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-10-2024-002941-ASW_EN.html.

³ In a letter, the European Beekeeping Association warns that if the special beekeeping envelope is abolished, the sector risks taking a significant hit. It calls on the European Institutions to preserve and strengthen the envelope in the new CAP, underlining the importance of beekeepers for pollination, agricultural production, biodiversity and food security (<https://ebaueurope.eu/eba-executive-board-endorses-letter-to-eu-institutions-on-the-beekeeping-envelope/>).

⁴ As has been the case so far under Article 55 of Regulation (EU) 2021/2115, which, among other things and in accordance with paragraph 4 thereof, provides for a guaranteed EU co-financing rate of 50 %.