

Question for written answer E-003644/2026
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Protecting agricultural land and combating desertification and its impact on agricultural production and farmers' income

Desertification and land degradation are a growing threat to agriculture, food security and the sustainability of rural areas in the European Union. Greece and other Mediterranean countries face a high risk of land degradation and desertification, with significant consequences for the productivity of agricultural land, the income of producers and the resilience of the rural economy.

Given that combating desertification and water scarcity requires coordinated action at European level and in view of the planning for the Common Agricultural Policy 2028-2034:

1. Does the Commission intend to develop a comprehensive European framework for preventing and combating desertification and protecting agricultural land, with particular emphasis on the countries of Southern Europe?
2. Will the Commission support Member States through targeted financial instruments, technical assistance and exchange of best practices to address these phenomena?
3. Will the Commission ensure, under the CAP 2028-2034, adequate and targeted resources for the protection and restoration of agricultural land and rational water management, including incentives for producers to adopt sustainable agricultural practices and investment in water-saving technologies?

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