

Question for written answer E-003974/2026

to the Commission

Rule 144

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Subject: Serious shortcomings, the lack of proper checks and the risk of CAP funding being cut in Greece based on DG AGRI's report

The report which DG AGRI recently addressed to the Greek Government and authorities reveals chaotic and systemic shortcomings in the management of EAGF and EAFRD payments for the period 2023-2026.

Meanwhile, payments have been decoupled from actual production, certification has been turned into a business, staff cuts have left state inspection services completely understaffed and physical on-the-spot checks have been replaced by bureaucratic/remote methods. In addition, the responsibilities of the OPEKEPE paying agency have now been transferred to the Independent Authority for Public Revenue (AADE), which has done nothing to address the crux of the issue or the causes of the scandals.

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

1. What view does it take of the fact that the CAP institutional framework itself, by decoupling aid from production, privatising checks/certifications, leaving public services understaffed and shifting responsibilities, once again to the detriment of struggling producers, creates a breeding ground for scandal, while at the same time threatening cuts that will once again affect the same people?
2. What is the exact level of flat-rate corrections and what funding amounts is it considering withholding from Greece for the period 2023-2026?
3. How does it assess the apparent total failure of the transfer of OPEKEPE's responsibilities to the AADE, which confirms farmers' complaints that it was done with a view to collecting taxes and seizing aid due to outstanding debts, rather than ensuring timely payments to real producers?

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