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to the Commission
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Subject: Addressing the degradation of Tenagi of Philippi and sustainable water management

Tenagi of Philippi, covering an area of approximately 100,000 hectares, is one of the most productive agricultural areas in Greece, while also hosting the country's only peatland. According to local bodies, the area faces serious problems of soil subsidence, degradation of organic matter, flooding and poor water management, with significant impacts on agricultural production and the long-term sustainability of the ecosystem.

Directive 2000/60/EC (Water Framework Directive) establishes obligations for the rational management of water resources, while the EU Soil Strategy for 2030 recognises the role of organic soil and peatland in sequestering carbon, maintaining biodiversity and enhancing climate resilience. In addition, Regulation (EU) 2021/2115 regarding strategic plans under the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) provides for support for interventions related to the sustainable management of natural resources and adaptation to climate change.

The Commission is asked:

1. Does the situation in Tenagi of Philippi highlight the need for specific measures to maintain the productive capacity of organic soils and the rational management of water?

2. Which EU financial instruments can be used for integrated water management, flood protection, drainage and organic soil restoration projects in the region?

3. Does the Commission intend to encourage Member States, by way of the CAP or other instruments, to develop specific actions to protect highly productive agricultural peatland, with the aim of bolstering food security and the resilience of the primary sector?

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