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Subject: Surging fuel prices and the agricultural crisis: protests in Capitanata and the need for extraordinary EU measures

Since 11 October 2026, soaring fuel, fertiliser and energy prices have been driving farmers and road hauliers to take to the streets in protest. Starting in Capitanata, the roadblocks sound the alarm over the challenges the agricultural sector is facing in Puglia, Campania and other parts of Italy. Meanwhile, reports surface daily of rising production costs, disruption to supplies and food shortages in supermarkets.

Despite the extraordinary measures previously adopted by the Commission, the situation remains critical. In Italy, the up to EUR 136.8 million in EU and national funds made available under the fertiliser support scheme covers only 34.5 % of the EUR 396.7 million of extra costs estimated by the Italian Institute for Agri-Food Market Services.

In light of Article 16 of Regulation (EU) 2021/2116 and Articles 219 and 221 of Regulation (EU) 1308/2013:

1. What resources and extraordinary measures (including via the European agricultural reserve) will the Commission deploy to tackle the crisis affecting southern Italy, and according to what timeline?
2. If it takes the view that the conditions for extraordinary action have not been met, why is this the case?
3. What specific measures will it take to counter rising production costs – particularly fuel, energy and fertiliser costs – protect the income of farmers and road hauliers, and ensure the continuity of agri-food chains?

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