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on behalf of the European Commission
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The Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) Strategic Plan Regulation¹ already includes a number of interventions that may help farmers to perform preventive actions, especially to prevent crises and build on medium and long-term resilience. For mitigating short-term impacts, the available tools include direct payments to support farmers' incomes, risk management tools helping farmers managing production risks due to adverse events, including severe drought, sectoral interventions supporting replanting or restocking, and investments in the restoration of production potential.

Under the CAP Strategic Plan 2023-2027², Greece envisages also support for investments to restore agricultural and forestry potential following natural disasters, adverse climatic or catastrophic events.

On 19 December 2024³, the co-legislators adopted the Commission proposal to amend Regulation (EU) 2020/2220⁴ to allow Member States to support with liquidity beneficiaries who were affected by a destruction of at least 30% of the relevant production potential. It is up to the Member States to decide if they will use this possibility. If justified, the Commission can also use resources from the agricultural reserve to provide some support.

Greek authorities may also support farmers affected by adverse climatic conditions in line with EU State aid rules (without the need for prior notification to the Commission if based on provisions of the Agricultural Block Exemption Regulation⁵ or, with prior notification, under the Agricultural Guidelines⁶). Limited support can also be granted under the Agricultural *de minimis* aid Regulation⁷.

¹ https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?toc=OJ%3AL%3A2021%3A435%3ATOC&uri=uriserv%3AOJ.L_2021.435.01.0001.01.EN.G

² <https://www.agrotikianaptixi.gr/category/sskap-2023-2027/sskap-egkrisi-tropopoiiseis/>

³ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/en/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32024R3242>

⁴ OJ L, 2020/2220, 28.12.2020.

⁵ OJ L 327, 21.12.2022, p. 1–81: <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A02022R2472-20231213>

⁶ OJ C 485, 21.12.2022, p. 1–90: [https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/ALL/?uri=CELEX:02022XC1221\(01\)-20240305](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/ALL/?uri=CELEX:02022XC1221(01)-20240305)

⁷ Regulation 1408/2013. OJ L 352, 24.12.2013, p. 9–17 (<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32013R1408>) amended by Regulation 2024/3118. OJ L, 2024/3118, 13.12.2024 (https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=OJ:L_202403118).