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The Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) through the CAP Strategic Plans (CSPs)¹ provides for a number of interventions that 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, which support farmers' incomes, risk management tools helping farmers managing production risks due to adverse events, as well as sectoral interventions supporting replanting or restocking, and investments in the restoration of production potential. Moreover, in response to the severe weather events that hit the EU in 2024, exceptional measures have been introduced under the Rural Development Programmes to help farmers recovering from the damages suffered².

The programme for the smaller Aegean islands supports the production of mastic from Chios³, and it may be amended in the event of exceptional circumstances.

The CAP also supports - through the EIP-AGRI⁴ Operational Groups - the bottom-up development of innovative technologies and approaches as well as the dissemination and sharing of good practices. Information on funded projects, workshops, seminars, brokerage events and publications are available via the European CAP Network website⁵.

Under the CSPs, Member States are expected to improve the functioning of the Agriculture Knowledge and Innovation System (AKIS) increasing knowledge flows and ensuring that AKIS actors cooperate to provide advice and innovation services to farmers. Additionally, the Commission is regularly organising exchanges with national administrations on good practices and lessons learnt⁶.

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://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/3242/oj/eng>

³ https://agriculture.ec.europa.eu/common-agricultural-policy/market-measures/outermost-regions-and-small-aegean-islands/smaller-aegean-islands_en

⁴ The European Innovation Partnership for Agricultural Productivity and Sustainability (EIP-AGRI).

⁵ https://eu-cap-network.ec.europa.eu/index_en

⁶ On 17 December 2024 an expert group meeting was organised to exchange on risk management strategies and preparedness. Presentations are available here: <https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/expert-groups-register/screen/meetings/consult?lang=en&meetingId=58606&fromExpertGroups=3806>