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**Question for written answer E-000883/25
to the Commission
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Subject: Greece's role in the EU's next Multiannual Financial Framework

In its communication on 'The Road to the next Multiannual Financial Framework' ⁽¹⁾, published on 12 February 2025, the Commission sets out the main political and budgetary challenges ahead of the next Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF).

Although Greece has benefited from the European Structural and Investment Funds, it needs to be supported even further with sufficient resources. It is essential that funding for Greece is secured in the upcoming MFF, in order to support its economy, among other things, and help it to address additional needs relating to the management of migration flows at the EU's external borders and geopolitical pressures, as well as to deal with a number of challenges such as budgetary constraints, the green transition and the cohesion and agricultural policies.

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

1. How will it ensure that the new MFF continues to provide sufficient support to the cohesion and agricultural policies for countries such as Greece?
2. Has it made provision for specific funding mechanisms for Member States, with a view to addressing increased migration flows at the EU's external borders and geopolitical challenges?
3. What initiatives will it take to ensure that the green and digital transition does not adversely affect industry and small and medium-sized entrepreneurship in Greece, but instead boosts the competitiveness of small and medium-sized enterprises?

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**Answer given by Mr Serafin on behalf of the European Commission
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In line with the political guidelines of the President of the Commission ⁽¹⁾, the recent Commission's communication on 'The road to the next multiannual financial framework' (MFF) ⁽²⁾ underscores the need for a policy-based budget that is more focused, more impactful, and simpler to deliver on EU priorities.

The next EU budget will include a strengthened cohesion and growth policy with regions at the centre and build on the commitment to defend a fair and sufficient income for farmers, with a common agricultural policy that finds the right balance between incentives, investments and regulation.

This new approach for a modern EU budget should include a plan for each country with key reforms and investments, designed and implemented in partnership with national, regional, and local authorities.

The next MFF should also continue to help address challenges related to managing migration, including effective protection of the EU external borders and comprehensive partnerships with countries of origin and transit.

It should thus continue to support Member States to ensure they have the expertise, operational and financial capacity they need for the implementation of the Pact on Migration and Asylum ⁽³⁾.

In addition to the simplification measures proposed by the Commission to simplify EU rules for businesses, the recently adopted Clean Industrial Deal ⁽⁴⁾ will contribute to bringing climate and competitiveness under an overarching growth strategy.

As regards the next MFF, a European Competitiveness Fund ⁽⁵⁾ should establish an investment capacity that will support strategic sectors and technologies critical to the EU competitiveness.

It will ensure better use of EU's budget to leverage further national, private and institutional financing, to the benefit of the entire single market, including small and medium-sized enterprises.

¹ https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_25_486

⁽¹⁾ https://commission.europa.eu/document/download/e6cd4328-673c-4e7a-8683-f63ffb2cf648_en?filename=Political%20Guidelines%202024-2029_EN.pdf

⁽²⁾ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TEXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:52025DC0046>

⁽³⁾ https://home-affairs.ec.europa.eu/policies/migration-and-asylum/pact-migration-and-asylum_en

⁽⁴⁾ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TEXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:52025DC0085>

⁽⁵⁾ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TEXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:52025DC0030>