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The Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) supports interventions for risk management and prevention, to improve farm resilience, as well as interventions to help farmers restore the production potential damaged by a natural disaster officially acknowledged by the national authorities. The Greek CAP Strategic Plan¹ includes tools to support farmers to mitigate short-term impacts of natural calamities, such as income support, sectoral specific aid, and rural development interventions, and including support for investments concerning hail protection. In addition, the new exceptional measure ‘M23’ created under the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development for the programming period 2014-2022, provides Member States with a further tool to address the liquidity problems of farmers suffering from the destruction of the production or the production potential due to natural disasters. Finally, in the case of adverse climatic events which can be assimilated to a natural disaster, national authorities may also grant, under certain conditions, support to farmers from their national budget in line with EU State aid rules².

The EU Public Procurement Directives³ require that the Directives’ rules are followed for purchases with an estimated value above certain thresholds⁴, such as the tenders referred to by the Honourable Member⁵. The Directives ensure that the principle of transparency is respected. With regards to the time-frame for the execution of a contract, these are matters governed by national law of the Member State concerned.

¹ <http://www.agrotikianaptixi.gr/el/keimeno-synimmena-paa/egkrisi-tropopoiiseis>.

² Guidelines for State aid in the agricultural and forestry sectors and in rural areas 2022/C 485/01, OJ C 485, 21.12.2022, p. 1; Commission Regulation (EU) 2022/2472 declaring certain categories of aid in the agricultural and forestry sectors and in rural areas compatible with the internal market in application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, OJ L 327, 21.12.2022, p. 1; Commission Regulation (EU) No 1408/2013 of 18 December 2013 on the application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union to *de minimis* aid in the agriculture sector, OJ L 352, 24.12.2013 p. 9.

³ Directive 2014/24/EU (<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A02014L0024-20240101>), Directive 2014/25/EU (<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A02014L0025-20240101>), Directive 2014/23/EU (<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A02014L0023-20240101>).

⁴ https://single-market-economy.ec.europa.eu/single-market/public-procurement/legal-rules-and-implementation/thresholds_en.

⁵ <https://ted.europa.eu/en/notice/-/detail/159912-2025>, <https://ted.europa.eu/en/notice/-/detail/717958-2024>.