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In January 2024, EUR 101 million were granted to Greece from the EU Solidarity Fund (EUSF)[1] to cover costs[2] for emergency and recovery operations in response to the disaster caused by the storm 'Daniel'. Private damage and the agricultural sector are not eligible for EUSF support. Greece needs to submit to the Commission an implementation report describing the implemented operations 24 months after the disbursement date.

In December 2023, the Commission provided EUR 43 million emergency financial support for the agricultural sectors most impacted by wildfires and floodings which affected Greece during August and September 2023[3], from which the amount of EUR 42,591,470.10 was disbursed by 28 April 2025, based on payments made to beneficiaries within the deadline. It is under Member States responsibility to ensure that payments are disbursed to the beneficiaries in full and within the payment deadlines as laid down by Union law[4].

The Commission is closely reviewing the implementation of all the measures and interventions of both the Rural Development Programme[5] and the Common Agriculture Policy Strategic Plan of Greece (CSP)[6]. Commission representatives participate in the Monitoring Committees of the above programmes in an advisory role. In this context, the Commission reviews the financial data, the result indicators, and the progress towards quantified target values and milestones, encouraging the authorities to concentrate their efforts and speed up the implementation of all measures.

A broad range of activities contributing to improving the administrative capacity necessary to ensure a smooth implementation of interventions and related payments, could be supported through the technical assistance aid available within the CSP.

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[1] Council Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002 of 11 November 2002 establishing the European Union Solidarity Fund (OJ L 311, 14.11.2002, p. 3) as amended by Regulation (EU) No 661/2014 of the European Parliament and the Council of 15 May 2014 (OJ L 189, 27.6.2014, p. 143) and by Regulation (EU) 2020/461 of the European Parliament and the Council of 30 March 2020 (OJ L 99, 31.3.2020, p. 9). https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=celex:32002R2012.

[2] This means, for example, the recovery of essential infrastructure, provision of temporary accommodation to the population, cleaning-up operations, and protection of the cultural heritage.

[3] http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2023/2820/oj.

[4] Article 38, Article 44 and Article 59 of Regulation (EU) 2021/2116 - http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2021/2116/oj.

[5] RDP 2014-2022: https://www.agrotikianaptixi.gr/paa-2014-2020/egkriseis-tropopoiiseis/.

[6] CAP Strategic Plan 2023-2027: https://www.agrotikianaptixi.gr/category/sskap-2023-2027/sskap-egkrisi-tropopoiiseis/.