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Answer given by Mr Hansen

on behalf of the European Commission

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1. The accreditation of the paying agency OPEKEPE has been under probation by the Greek authorities since 10 September 2024. The Greek authorities prepared an action plan to remedy the deficiencies identified and the Commission is monitoring its implementation, including regarding the organisational structure of OPEKEPE. To date, the Commission has not received an official notification of the decisions regarding the future organisational structure of the paying agency.

2. The Vision for Agriculture and Food highlights the strategic role of the agri-food sector and identifies a roadmap to advance towards a more attractive, competitive, fit for future and fair agri-food sector. Income support will continue to play a crucial role under the future Common Agricultural Policy (CAP), in a more targeted way. Support not linked to production has encouraged the market orientation of the agricultural sector and has brought benefits to the climate and the environment. Specific tools to foster the development of specific sectors and types of production continue to exist in the form of coupled income support, sectoral interventions and productive investments.

3. It is the responsibility of the Member State to set up the aid application system in line with the requirements of Regulation (EU) 2022/1173¹ and to ensure that payments are disbursed to the beneficiaries in full and within the payment deadlines as laid down by Union law² after sufficient checks have been carried out by the national authorities.

¹ Article 3, 4, 5, 7 of Regulation (EU) 2022/1173.

² Article 38, Article 44 and Article 59 of Regulation (EU) 2021/2116 - <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2021/2116/oj>.