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The Commission shares the concerns over water scarcity, especially in regions most acutely affected. As outlined in the Vision for Agriculture and Food¹, a steady and safe water supply is key for future-proofing the agri-food sector. The European Water Resilience Strategy² reiterates that access to clean, affordable water is a human right, while recognising the need to curb demand and over-abstractions and to improve water efficiency and reuse to avoid supply disruptions.

The Common Agricultural Policy (CAP)³ supports Member States with a range of tools, including investments, for efficient irrigation and climate adaptation measures, with the Greek CAP Strategic Plan 2023-2027⁴ allocating EUR 1.4 billion for environmental and climate objectives including contributing to water savings and improving infrastructure⁵. Day-to-day management of CAP-financed investments, including water infrastructure projects, falls under the responsibility of national authorities.

The CAP proposal for the period 2028-2034⁶ requires Member States to continue to support farmers for climate change adaptation, water resilience and soil health, with tools such as investments in more efficient irrigation, water reuse and storage, rainwater harvesting and digital tools.

The latest update⁷ of Greece's Recovery and Resilience Plan (RRP)⁸, continues to support irrigation network infrastructure, while Cohesion Policy⁹ supports Member States to improve public water infrastructure. In addition, Horizon Europe^{10,11} financially supports research and innovation for water resilience in agriculture¹².

¹ Communication from the European Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions, A Vision for Agriculture and Food Shaping together an attractive farming and agri-food sector for future generations, COM/2025/75 final.

² https://commission.europa.eu/topics/environment/water-resilience-strategy_en.

³ https://agriculture.ec.europa.eu/common-agricultural-policy_en.

⁴ Union contribution for interventions P3-73-1.1 and P3-73-1.4 <https://www.agrotikianaptixi.gr/category/sskap-2023-2027/sskap-egkrisi-tropopoiiseis/>.

⁵ https://agriculture.ec.europa.eu/document/download/b13e3e86-2c12-45e5-9659-35f0384c76b2_en?filename=csp-at-a-glance-greece_en.pdf.

⁶ https://agriculture.ec.europa.eu/media/news/next-chapter-cap-2025-07-17_en.

⁷ https://commission.europa.eu/document/download/372bdb38-3fd1-47f6-8047-8e21a8a38533_en?filename=COM_2025_367_1_EN_annexe_proposition_cp_part1_v3.pdf.

⁸ https://commission.europa.eu/business-economy-euro/economic-recovery/recovery-and-resilience-facility/country-pages/greeces-recovery-and-resilience-plan_en#repowereu-measures-in-greeces-plan.

⁹ https://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/2021-2027_en.

¹⁰ https://commission.europa.eu/funding-tenders/find-funding/eu-funding-programmes/horizon-europe_en.

¹¹ https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/funding/funding-opportunities/funding-programmes-and-open-calls/horizon-europe_en.

¹² https://rea.ec.europa.eu/funding-and-grants/eu-mission-soil-deal-europe_en, https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/funding/funding-opportunities/funding-programmes-and-open-calls/horizon-europe/eu-missions-horizon-europe/restore-our-ocean-and-waters_en, <https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/funding/funding-opportunities/funding-programmes-and-open-calls/horizon-europe/eu>

