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The Common Agricultural Policy (CAP), through its CAP Strategic Plans (CSPs)¹ provides for several tools to support farmers. The tools include direct payments to support income. To take preventive action and to build resilience, the Greek CSP² supports investments in farm modernisation and in the restoration of production potential, risk management tools, and sectoral interventions. In response to severe weather events, a new measure was introduced in the Rural Development Programmes to help farmers recover from damages. Greece has made use of this possibility (Measure 23)³.

The Greek CSP allocates EUR 175 million per year to complementary redistributive income support for sustainability targeted at small and medium-sized farmers⁴. To strengthen farmers' position in the value chain, the Greek CSP supports cooperation, innovation and training.

The Greek CSP is based on the identified needs and responds to the specificities of Greek agriculture. At the request of Greece, funds may be reallocated or new interventions may be introduced subject to the Commission's approval. The CAP allows a high degree of flexibility for use by Member States of different instruments to meet the needs of the diverse agriculture in the EU. Beyond the income support and rural development measures a specific scheme supports the agricultural sector in the Smaller Aegean Islands.

¹ https://agriculture.ec.europa.eu/cap-my-country/cap-strategic-plans_en.

² <https://www.agrotikianaptixi.gr/category/sskap-2023-2027/sskap-egkrisi-tropopoiiseis/>.

³ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/3242/oj/eng>.

⁴ EUR 181 626 236,70 were paid for claim year 2023, EUR 170 million (provisional amount) were paid for claim year 2024 <https://www.agrotikianaptixi.gr/9i-grapti-diadikasia-epitropis-parakolouthisis-ss-kap/>.