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Answer given by Mr Hansen
on behalf of the European Commission
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1. On 12 March 2026, the Greek Competent Authority communicated to the Commission that it had reinstated the accreditation of the Greek paying agency after the completion of an action plan initiated in September 2024. In June 2026, the Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development (DG AGRI) will assess the effective implementation of the action plan.

2. It is the responsibility of the Member States to ensure that payments are disbursed to the beneficiaries in full and within the payment deadlines as laid down by Union law¹. Member States must ensure that the area and animal-based payments are made between 1 December and 30 June of the calendar year following the applications, after sufficient checks have been carried out by the national authorities. Payments outside the deadlines lead to proportionate reductions from EU reimbursement to Member States, without affecting payments to beneficiaries. DG AGRI is closely monitoring the execution of payments and is in contact with the Greek authorities on a regular basis, including during the monitoring committees².

3. Under the shared management mode of the Common Agricultural Policy, Member States are responsible for the recovery of unduly paid amounts from beneficiaries who have committed irregularities³. The Commission verifies that the Member States put in place effective systems of debt management which ensure timely recoveries. The Commission intervenes if it detects system audits issues⁴.

¹ Article 38, Article 44 and Article 59 of Regulation (EU) 2021/2116 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 2 December 2021 on the financing, management and monitoring of the common agricultural policy and repealing Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2021/2116/oj>.

² Meetings of the Monitoring Committee of the CAP: <https://www.agrotikianaptixi.gr/category/epitropi-parakolouthisis-sskap-2023-2027/synedriaseis-epitropi-parakolouthisis-sskap-2023-2027/>.

³ Article 56, 57 and 59 of Regulation (EU) 2021/2116.

⁴ Article 7(3), 14(9) and 15(7) of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/127 of 7 December 2021 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2021/2116 of the European Parliament and of the Council with rules on paying agencies and other bodies, financial management, clearance of accounts, securities and use of euro: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_del/2022/127/oj.