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Under the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP)¹ Member States may, based on their needs assessment and strategies, provide support for investments in energy production and storage through their CAP Strategic Plans (CSP). The Greek CSP provides for a specific intervention for investment in the energy domain, prioritising the use of renewable energy resources². This includes financial support for investments in renewable energy production in agriculture. Moreover, under the Horizon Europe work programmes³ and in synergy with the Innovation Fund under the Emission Trading Scheme, Greek entities in the agricultural domain may participate in research and innovation initiatives relating to energy generation in agriculture. State aid rules provide possibilities of investment aid to farmers for energy production to cover own needs or even beyond the self-consumption level. Cohesion policy may support energy communities under the relevant specific objective relating to the promotion of renewable energy sources.

EU's electricity market legislation does not provide automatic priority grid connection for specific end uses. However, if necessary, national regulatory authorities may establish a grid connection prioritisation framework based on objective, transparent and non-discriminatory criteria, as set out in the Commission's Guidance on efficient and timely grid connections⁴ and proposed in the proposal for a Regulation as regards future proofing electricity bills in the Union⁵. Where network capacity is limited or unavailable, Article 6a of Directive (EU) 2019/944⁶ provides for frameworks allowing flexible connection agreements, including for energy storage.

The Greek CSP contains interventions for farm modernisation, improving irrigation efficiency, agricultural roadworks and others, all of which contribute to reduce the energy costs of primary production.

¹ Article 73 of Regulation (EU) 2021/2115: <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A02021R2115-20260818>.

² Page 1058- <https://www.agrotikianaptixi.gr/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/EGKEKRIMENO-SS-CAP-3H-TROPOPOIISI.pdf>.

³ Regulation (EU) 2021/695 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 April 2021 establishing Horizon Europe — the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation, laying down its rules for participation and dissemination – Annex IV, article point 15. https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/funding/funding-opportunities/funding-programmes-and-open-calls/horizon-europe/horizon-europe-work-programmes_en.

⁴ C/2025/8473 Commission Notice – Guidance on efficient and timely grid connections.

⁵ COM(2026) 600 final proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Regulation (EU) 2019/943, as regards future-proofing electricity bills in the Union, through reducing system costs and fostering electrification and digitalisation.

The proposal explicitly mentions the option to prioritise maturity and progress of grid connection requests, sectors, network users within a sector, or impacts on network congestion, economic, social and environmental considerations, as long as these are based on objective, transparent and non-discriminatory criteria.

⁶ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/dir/2019/944/oj/eng>.