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Answer given by Mr Hansen
on behalf of the European Commission
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Greece may decide to grant EU support for setting-up an interbranch organisation¹ recognised for ‘Graviera Kritis’ cheese with a protected designation of origin (PDO). Support is limited to 10 % of the value of the annual marketed production of the organisation, with a maximum of EUR 100 000 per year; support is degressive and limited to the first five years following recognition. This type of support is proposed to be reconducted under the next CAP for the period 2028-2034².

Producers of ‘Graviera Kritis’ PDO cheese could also decide to set-up a recognised producer organisation (PO) benefiting from the setting-up EU support as described above, with a view to planning production, concentrating supply and putting on the market their production through the PO. Should Greece decide to include support for setting-up POs in its National Strategic Plan, the PO could subsequently start implementing an operational programme benefiting from EU financial support³ to strengthen its long-term competitiveness⁴, in particular by implementing actions related to the PDO and marketing.

Producer organisations and interbranch organisations are important tools for reinforcing the position of farmers in the food supply chain. Producer groups as referred to in Article 32 of Regulation (EU) 2024/1143 can also play a key role to improve the performance of the geographical indication, for instance by entering into private supply management arrangements pursuant to Article 166a of Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013⁵.

¹ Article 77(8), point (b), of Regulation (EU) 2021/2115.

² Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the conditions for the implementation of the Union support to the Common Agriculture, Policy for the period from 2028-2034 (COM/2025/560).

³ Articles 66 to 67 of Regulation (EU) 2021/2115

⁴ https://agriculture.ec.europa.eu/common-agricultural-policy/agri-food-supply-chain/producer-and-interbranch-organisations_en#producerorganisations.

⁵ Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 December 2013 establishing a common organisation of the markets in agricultural products and repealing Council Regulations (EEC) No 922/72, (EEC) No 234/79, (EC) No 1037/2001 and (EC) No 1234/2007.