

**Question for written answer E-006176/2014  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Heavy losses suffered by thousands of farmers in Central Macedonia due to this year's adverse weather conditions

Thousands of farmers in Central Macedonia have suffered heavy losses due to this year's adverse weather conditions (hail, prolonged rainfall). The entire production of some crops (peaches, nectarines, kiwis, apricots, etc.) has been destroyed. This means a great loss of income for local farmers, who are under sustained attack from the EU's anti-farming CAP, heavy taxation, the punitive taxes imposed by AIO and EL.G.A. and illegal deductions for filing IACS declarations through 'GAIA-Epicheirin', even though this service is free through OPEKEPE.

Farmers receive compensation for only a small part of their losses and this is subject to very long delays, even though farmers pay large amounts to insure their production with EL.G.A., which does not however not insure crops.

The late and incomplete payment of compensation for the losses sustained forms part of the policy of the EU, the ND – PASOK coalition and previous Greek governments to uproot small farmers from their land and their production and to hand this land over to large capitalist holdings.

How does the Commission view the legitimate demands of the farmers in Central Macedonia that they should finally receive fair and prompt compensation for 100% of the losses suffered and for emergency aid to be given to farmers in the region so as to enable to them to survive economically in the short term?