

**Question for written answer E-001384/2015  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Damage to European olive groves

Last year's olive harvest in many countries of the Mediterranean was very poor due to the harmful effects of numerous pests such as curculio or olive flies, which significantly reduced the production and sale of olive oil. There is also a particularly negative impact on the quality of olive oil in many countries.

Several MEPs have asked for prompt action of the European Commission, however, it is clear that there will be no individual assistance to Member States. I wish to support some Croatian and Italian MEPs in their justified calls to the Commission for help for their producers in individual cases, but would also like to extend this support to long-term operational and strategic assistance.

I therefore urge the Commission to prepare without delay a comprehensive programme of prompt assistance to producers of olive oil and to help in effective protection of European olive groves against the dangers of pests.

I ask the Commission if it is preparing such a pan-European programme of assistance and protection?