

Question for written answer E-005856/2015
to the Commission
Rule 130
Notis Marias (ECR)

Subject: EU funding for the reopening of the National Agricultural Research Foundation (NARF) in Heraklion, Crete

The NARF premises in Katsampa, Heraklion, are abandoned and deserted. Greenhouses formerly used to grow experimental crops are now broken, full of rubbish and overgrown with weeds.

These premises, aside from contributing to scientific research, could be used to supply low-income families with enough food to cover their basic needs. For the NARF to be reopened, it will be necessary to recruit researchers, auxiliaries and greenhouse workers.

How can the Commission help ensure that funding is allocated from EU programmes for the reopening of the aforementioned NARF premises so as to make local varieties more competitive against imported ones, reduce unemployment, and provide food for low-income families made vulnerable by the memorandum?