Question for written answer E-013646/2015 to the Commission Rule 130 Nikolaos Chountis (GUE/NGL)

Subject: Impact of third memorandum on basic agricultural pensions

The third memorandum (Law 4336/2015) provides for the phasing out within three years of all exemptions regarding state funding and the harmonisation from 1 July 2015 of contributions and benefits for all funds in line with the structure of IKA (social security) contributions. The objective is to achieve a EUR 3.7 billion (or 48 %) cut in total state funding for the NAT, OGA and OAEE from 2016 to 2018, so as to reduce IKA financing from state coffers to 20-25 % of total expenditure on pensions.

The new measures are expected to affect the OGA in particular, since it currently receives around EUR 3.2 billion or 85% of its revenue from the State.

In view of this:

What are the pension entitlements and what percentage is paid by the State into agricultural pension funds in other EU Member States (for example in Spain, France, Germany and Bulgaria)?

What is the 'structure of IKA contributions' to which the other funds should be aligned under Law 4336/2015?

Is a reduction in basic OGA pensions in line with the reduction in state funding being envisaged?

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