

WRITTEN QUESTION E-2670/01  
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to the Commission

Subject: Aid for the restructuring and conversion of vineyards in Greece

Under the new Council Regulation on the common organisation of the market in wine (Regulation (EC) 1493/1999<sup>1</sup> of 17 May 1999) the Member States are entitled to annual financial subsidies to restructure and convert vineyards. However, Greece has not received any financial aid for the 2000/2001 period.

Will the Commission say:

1. Why has Greece not received any aid for the 2000/2001 period? Can it confirm that the reason is the delay in the drawing-up of a scheme and the inventory of the production potential? Are the Commission services acquainted with the reasons for this delay?
2. Does the Commission consider that the scheme put forward by Greece and the declared inventory will ensure an effective restructuring of vineyards in Greece and allow an improvement in the competitiveness of Greek viticulture?

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 179, 14.7.1999, p.1.