

**Question for written answer E-002531/2019
to the Commission
Rule 138
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Subject: Widespread weather damage to crops in Greece

Adverse weather conditions have caused widespread damage in several areas of Greece in June and July 2019. Hundreds of hectares of farmland have been totally destroyed, while livestock holdings have also sustained severe damage.

This is placing additional pressure on the already embattled small and medium-sized farms in Greece that have for years been struggling to cope with CAP provisions, not to mention the bailout terms accepted by successive governments. They are now bearing the brunt of these natural disasters, given that flood protection is not an EU priority, they are not covered by their Greek insurance scheme or by existing hail damage provisions and the vast majority of those affected are not eligible for emergency assistance under the State Aid Regulation.

In the context of CAP reform, discussions are now being held on ways of improving farm insurance provisions by opening up the sector to private insurance companies.

In view of this.

What measures will the Commission take to ensure full compensation for Greek farmers?

What steps will it take to improve disaster prevention systems?

How does it view the distinct possibility of already meagre incomes from small and medium-sized farms being further eroded under the new CAP arrangements