

**Question for written answer E-002195/2020
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Assistance for farmers in areas under total lockdown

An emergency lockdown has been imposed in the municipality of Mesopotamia in Kastoria in a bid to contain the corona pandemic ¹. As a result, farmers and bee-keepers are not allowed out in these areas, even with the necessary personal protection equipment, with the result that large areas are being left untended, seriously undermining farm production and hence the economy and local livelihoods.

In view of this:

Can the Commission say whether special financial assistance could be provided for European farmers and bee-keepers from the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development or from other structural funds?

¹ <https://www.voria.gr/article/ekklisi-gia-na-kalliergisoun-kanoun-i-agrotas-mesopotamias-kastorias>