1. Items with a protected designation of origin (PDO) may benefit from the current measure on quality schemes for agricultural products and food under the Rural Development programme (RDP)\(^1\).

2. To support the economy in the context of Russia’s invasion of Ukraine, the European Commission adopted on 23 March 2022 a Temporary Crisis Framework\(^2\) to enable Member States to use the flexibility foreseen under State aid rules. In this context, it approved on 1 June 2022 a Greek scheme of EUR 50 million in order to support livestock producers (SA.102633). The national measure provides aid in the form of direct grants and is valid until 31 December 2022.

3. On 20 May 2022, the Commission adopted a proposal\(^3\) to amend the Regulation 1305/2013 (Rural Development Basic Act) allowing Member States to use up to 5% of the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) budget for 2021 and 2022 for exceptional temporary support in response to the impact of Russia’s invasion of Ukraine. The Greek authorities indicated they will apply this measure.

The Commission also adopted a market support measure that partly uses the crisis reserve. In this context, Greece was attributed additional EUR 26,298,105 for exceptional adjustment aid to producers in the agricultural sectors\(^4\). Member States can exceptionally complement this EU support by up to 200% with national funds.

The Commission is also monitoring the impact of the Ukrainian crisis and the need to amend the Temporary Crisis Framework to continue responding to the needs of the European undertakings/farmers.

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\(^1\) Μέτρο 3 – Συστήματα ποιότητας γεωργικών προϊόντων και τροφίμων / Υπομέτρο 3.1 – Στήριξη για νέες συμμετοχές σε συστήματα ποιότητας | ΠΡΟΓΡΑΜΜΑ ΑΓΡΟΤΙΚΗΣ ΑΝΑΠΤΥΞΗΣ (ΠΑΑ) 2014 – 2020 (agrotikianapti.gr)

\(^2\) OJ C 131 I/1, 24.3.2022.

\(^3\) Proposal COM(2022) 242 final 2022/0166 (COD).