

**Question for written answer E-000926/2023
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Geographical indications for wine

The current EU rules on geographical indications for the wine sector have helped to preserve and promote the quality as well as the reputation of wines from specific regions. Thanks to protected designations of origin (PDOs) and protected geographical indications (PGIs), consumers could be sure that wines with these labels actually came from the stated region and had specific characteristics. However, a revision of the legislation on the protection of geographical indications could lead to these protective measures being relaxed or changed. In turn, this could weaken the significance of PDOs and PGIs. If the conditions of use of PDOs and PGIs were relaxed or changed, wines with these labels may be less clearly associated with a specific region or a specific production method¹.

1. What impact does the Commission think the proposed reforms will have on the integrity and credibility of PDOs and PGIs in the wine sector?
2. What potential impact does the Commission think relaxing the conditions of use for PDOs and PGIs will have on competition between wine producers, for example, will bigger wine producers have an advantage over smaller ones?
3. What impact does the Commission think that the proposed reforms will have on relations between the EU and other countries which use their own PDOs and PGIs for wine?

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¹ https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_22_2185