

**Question for written answer E-000028/2024
to the Commission**
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Subject: Future prospects for wine distillation

On 23 June 2023, the Commission adopted a decision under the national wine support programmes which authorised the distillation of the wine most affected by the market crisis. This decision sought to address the sales difficulties EU producers were facing by allowing them to remove the excess of wine from the market, which was causing a significant loss of income. However, this measure was only temporary and we still need to find innovative solutions.

With this in mind, Annex IX of the Renewable Energy Directive (RED II) states which feedstock can be used for 'the production of biogas for transport and advanced biofuels'. Wines for which there is no market in terms of human consumption could be added to this list and used to produce more sustainable fuels, create a sustainable market for surplus wine and financially benefit the wine sector in the long term. The distillation sector, which plays an important role in the local economy, would also benefit greatly from this virtuous circle.

Therefore, will the Commission consider adding 'wines for which there is no market in terms of human consumption' to Part A of Annex IX of the RED II?

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