

**Question for written answer E-000376/2024
to the Commission**

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Subject: Acute problems faced by struggling farmers and stockbreeders

Struggling farmers are facing acute problems such as the massive damage caused by flooding, extremely inadequate compensation paid by the government, the increased cost of production, and the lack of protective measures against weather events and diseases.

In terms of compensation, the insurance regulations of ELGA (Hellenic Agricultural Insurance Organisation) on coverage for crop production and livestock capital do not recognise and compensate all types of disaster. When this compensation is granted, it still falls short of the losses in income and agricultural capital, and is paid with considerable delay. The insurance system is based solely on farmers' contributions, and state financial aid is subject to a number of restrictions.

In view of this:

1. How does the Commission view the fact that the EU's policy orientations demonstrably run counter to the needs of struggling producers, in terms of full, comprehensive insurance at the state's expense, 100% compensation for loss of produce and agricultural capital due to natural risks and disease, and structures for protection against natural disasters?
2. How does it view the fact that the implementation of the new CAP 2023-27 increases the plight of struggling farmers, since its basic criterion is the undeviating alignment of agricultural production with the priorities of the EU monopolies ('digital transformation', 'green transition')?
3. How does it view the fact that national governments and the EU, serving the needs of monopolistic competition for profit, are indefinitely ignoring the farmers' rightful demands for an inexpensive agricultural power supply, tax-free oil, provision of affordable farm implements and supplies and machinery at the state's expense, the abolition of VAT on widely used consumer goods, and measures to protect production against natural disasters and disease?

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