

**Question for written answer E-000416/2024
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Amending eco-schemes

In light of the farmers' protests in Greece, the National Union of Agricultural Cooperatives (ETHEAS) issued a communication¹ in which it raised the issue of amending the CAP eco-schemes. The association had already expressed its reservations regarding the application and applicability of the eco-schemes in a letter it addressed to the relevant minister last November².

Given that eco-schemes are an essential building block of the Green Architecture concept under the first pillar of the CAP 2023-27 and that the eco-schemes chosen by the Member States were approved by the relevant Commission services when the National Strategic Plan was submitted, can the Commission answer the following:

1. Was there an assessment of the relevance of the eco-schemes in relation to the objectives of the CAP's Green Architecture, as well as an assessment of how feasible it is for Greek farmers to apply the schemes, and is the schemes' implementation status being monitored?
2. Is consideration being given to the possibility of the Commission lending its expertise so that the eco-schemes can be completed in a timely and reliable manner?
3. Is the payment of relevant subsidies to beneficiaries, as provided for under the institutional framework, monitored?

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¹ <https://etheas.gr/etheas-anakoinosi-gia-tis-kinitopoiiseis-ton-agroton-kai-ton-sinetairismon/>

² <https://www.agro24.gr/agrotika/agrotikes-organoseis/amesi-veltiosi-ton-diadikasion-efarmogis-tis-neas-kap-gia-na>