

**Question for written answer E-000799/2024  
to the Commission**  
Rule 138  
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Subject: Spread of *Plasmopara viticola* in Europe and damage to European wine production

*Plasmopara viticola* is a fungus that causes one of the most serious vine diseases. It spreads through wind and rain.

This infection has now affected all European states, although to date there is no infection monitoring methodology based on official data, with the exception of the IPI (infectious probability index) measurement model, which is based only on probabilistic data related to the first rainfall considered as potentially infectious.

In 2023, weather trends very favourable to the spread of *Plasmopara viticola* led to wine production in Puglia being severely affected. In this regard, Puglia's Regional Government Decision No 1783 of 7 December 2023 set a conservative estimate of the crop damage at 30 % of the total production. The infection is also affecting other central and southern regions, causing incalculable damage.

In light of the above:

1. Was the Commission aware how serious the situation is?
2. Does it intend to create a real, and not just probabilistic, infection monitoring model based on official data?
3. What concrete steps does it intend to take to address this emergency, which is now spreading across the whole of Europe?

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