

**Priority question for written answer P-003466/2023
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Greek olive growers' cry for help following poor olive harvest

Olive growers across Greece are in despair following this year's low olive oil yield. Although extreme climate conditions (namely drought, followed by heavy rainfall, which caused olive trees to either lose their buds or blossoms or not to flower at all) have led to 'fruitlessness' rates as high as 85%-100% in some areas, olive growers have no hope of receiving any State compensation as there is no compensation provision in the Hellenic Agricultural Insurance Organisation regulations. The tragic irony of it all is that the price of olive oil has skyrocketed this year, yet there will sadly be no harvest in most cases. Incalculable financial losses have been incurred thus far and olive growers have been hung out to dry by the Greek government.

In view of this, can the Commission answer the following:

1. Have any compensation claims been submitted bearing also in mind that the rate of crop damage in many regional units exceeds the 30% limit required for producers to claim compensation?
2. Does it intend to compensate Greek olive growers through the Common Agricultural Policy?

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