

**Question for written answer E-004072/2022
to the Commission**
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Subject: Preserving and protecting wine-growing know-how in the EU

The European Union is the world's largest wine producer, with an average output of 160 million hectolitres per year. Europe last reformed its wine sector back in 2013¹. At times, the practical on-the-ground application of this reform has spoiled the very wine-growing traditions it was designed to preserve.

Registered designations of origin have given rise to absurdities, which wine-growers have exposed. For example, the geographical zone covered by a designation does not take into account any differences that might exist between vine varieties or soil type and quality, leading to a harmonisation of production. Legislation governing the wine sector therefore ought to be updated to make it fit for the Union's environmental goals and challenges.

1. Does the Commission intend to revise the current legislation and put in place a plan to preserve and protect wine-growing know-how that would prevent the harmonisation of wine production with an emphasis on the French concept of 'terroir'?
2. Is it planning support to enable wine producers to adapt to global warming while encouraging them to adopt more natural and therefore greener production techniques?

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¹ https://agriculture.ec.europa.eu/farming/crop-productions-and-plant-based-products/wine_en