



## QUESTIONS TO THE EXPERTS OF THE WORKING GROUP ON OLIVES OF THE CIVIL DIALOGUE GROUP ON HORTICULTURE, OLIVES AND SPIRITS

### **Perspective of the olive oil sector for the new campaign 2022/23**

#### 1. For all participants

- How may consumption be affected with current olive oil prices?
- How are energy costs affecting your operations?
- What measures are you taking to improve your situation?

#### 2. Representatives of farmers

- How do you see the future of traditional groves in a context of increasing pressure from climate change and other production systems (e.g. irrigated systems)?
- How have fertiliser costs affected the olive groves? Has the use of fertilisers been reduced? What is the estimated impact on yields? Over which time horizon?
- Labour shortages have been reported in some Greek & Portuguese producing regions. Has it also been the case in other regions?

#### 3. Representatives of the industry

- How is the current situation on high energy prices affecting the industry?
- Do you anticipate specific problems in the refining industry?

#### 4. Representatives of exporters/traders

- How do you see the evolution of international markets in the current context?
- What are your views on the current marketing year export flows in a context of a weak Euro?
- How have freight costs increased in the last years?
- Are there still bottlenecks in trade flows? For which flows?
- Are you expecting import restrictions from producing third countries to secure domestic availabilities? If yes, from which country(ies)?
- What are your estimated import flows this marketing year to compensate for low EU production? From which countries?

## 5. Representatives of consumers

- Did increased consumption of olive oil in households during confinement remain in households habits or did the shift towards a more healthy diet only temporarily benefited to olive oil consumption?

## **Perspective of the table olives sector for the new campaign 2022/23**

### 1. Representatives of the industry

- How do you see the current situation with low production?
- How has energy costs development affected the table olives industry?

### 2. Representatives of exporters/traders

- How have freight costs increased in the last years?
- Are there still bottlenecks in trade flows? For which flows?
- What are your views on the current marketing year export flows in a context of weak Euro?
- What are your estimated import flows this marketing year to compensate for low EU production? From which countries?

### 3. Representatives of farmers

- Labour shortage has been reported in some Greek producing regions. Has it also been the case in your Member State?