

**Question for written answer E-005938/2014
to the Commission**
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Subject: Compensation for the ending of milk quotas

The reform of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) adopted during the last parliamentary term has entailed the renationalisation of key aspects of the CAP, such as the definition of active farmer, the definition of coupled aid or the implementation of the regionalisation model for calculating the new basic payment.

This has created uncertainty in the sector, as it opens the door to the introduction of distortions between sectors and territories, with direct effects on unequal conditions of competition.

Likewise, the disappearance of the milk quota system is a cause for serious concern in communities where livestock farmers had to make economic sacrifices in order to acquire production rights that will now lose all value when the system is abolished. To avert possible threats to the viability of many farms, there is a need to adopt specific aid for the areas concerned.

Is the Commission therefore monitoring the development of the CAP in the Member States and the implications of such developments in terms of competition? Has it made any plans for measures to avoid the negative impact that the renationalisation of certain aspects of the CAP may have on the conditions of competition? What assistance has it earmarked to support farms in their transition to the new quota-free arrangements?