Question for written answer E-007592/2014 to the Commission Rule 130 Viorica Dăncilă (S&D)

Subject: Young farmers

The new common agricultural policy has addressed issues affecting young farmers, but insufficiently. According to statistics, only 7.3% of those working in agriculture in the EU and in Romania are under the age of 35.

How can the Commission encourage young people to embark on careers in farming?

What steps can it take to encourage young people to remain in rural areas, and to entice them to move from urban areas to rural ones? How will it approach relations with the European Council of Young Farmers?

Does it feel that the current agricultural policy provides sufficient support to small farmers such as these?

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