

**Question for written answer E-008072/2014  
to the Commission**  
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Subject: Leader Programme

Galicia, like other areas of Europe, is going through a profound demographic crisis, one of the main consequences of which is the ageing population, especially in rural areas, which threatens both the economic development of these areas and the proper provision of public services.

The purpose of the Leader programme is to develop the rural environment by funding initiatives defined and driven from within the areas themselves in order to get them to play a leading role in their own development.

1. What is the Commission's assessment of the development of the Leader programme in Galicia in the period 2007-2013?
2. Could the Commission indicate which projects have been funded within this community under the Leader programme and for what amount, and whether all the promised funds have been released?
3. What rate of implementation has the programme achieved at European level, within Spain as a whole, and in Galicia?