Question for written answer E-008814/2014 to the Commission Rule 130 José Blanco López (S&D)

Subject: EAFRD support

Under Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013, the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) provides support for the introduction of advisory services, farm management and farm relief services to help farmers (in particular young farmers), forest holders, other land managers and SMEs in rural areas to improve their economic and environmental performance.

The Regulation stipulates that 'the beneficiaries under this measure shall be chosen through calls for tenders' that 'shall be governed by public procurement law and shall be open to both public and private bodies'.

Given the uncertainty about this matter in my community of Galicia, I would like to ask the following questions:

- Has the Autonomous Government of Galicia included this measure in its Rural Development Plan (RDP) for 2014-2020?
- 2. Have the Spanish authorities consulted the Commission about whether this measure may be left out of RDPs?
- 3. If this measure does not have to be included in RDPs, what would not doing so mean in practice?

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