Question for written answer E-009036/2014 to the Commission Rule 130 José Blanco López (S&D)

Subject: Refusal to grant CAP aid

Several agricultural organisations in my region, Galicia, have complained that EU aid has not been granted to livestock farms in mountain areas. This aid is provided for under the CAP, 75 % being cofinanced by EU funds. The EU considers it to be a payment to producers for environmental services and sustainable land management. Owing to a lack of equity capital to co-finance it, however, the aid is being refused. This development has placed numerous farms in a precarious position as a large proportion of farmers and livestock breeders in mountain areas rely on CAP aid for approximately 40 % of their income.

- 1. Does the Commission know in how many cases the aid was refused and what criteria were employed?
- 2. In the Commission's view, is the Galician Regional Government's policy compatible with the CAP objectives referred to above?

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