

**Question for written answer E-009039/2014
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Misuse of EAFRD funds

At meetings held in my region, several organisations have informed me that the Galician Regional Government is using EAFRD funds to defray the cost of unrelated services, e.g. municipal fire brigades. The Galician Supreme Court is currently investigating a complaint on this matter filed by Noia Town Council.

If such misuse of EAFRD funds is indeed taking place, groups such as farmers, stockbreeders and forest landowners will be unlawfully deprived of resources and the aid intended to help them to pursue their activities in the interests of promoting sustainable land management.

1. Is the Commission aware that EAFRD funds are being used in Galicia to pay for fire brigades?
2. Is the Galician Regional Government attempting to justify the use of these EAFRD funds in preventive work? If so, what work?
3. Is this practice legal? If not, what consequences might this misappropriation of EAFRD funds incur?