

**Question for written answer E-010761/2014
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: EAFRD clarification

In its answer E-008814/2014, the Commission responded to one of the questions I asked concerning the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the Plan for the Rural Development of Galicia. However, my question also asked for clarification as to whether the Spanish authorities had consulted the Commission about the possibility of leaving out of RDPs 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 regulations governing the EAFRD stipulate 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'.

Can the Commission clarify whether Spain has consulted the Commission on this matter and if so, what was its reply?