

**Question for written answer E-011050/2014  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Allocation of funds in support of the winegrowing sector

Decree 4123 of the Italian Ministry of Agricultural, Food and Forestry Policy, of 22/07/2010, bases the National Plan of Support to the Winegrowing Sector in the individual regions on the following criteria:

- land area of the region planted with vines: 40%;
- land area of the region claimed as DO/IGT (designation of origin/typical geographical indication) on its harvest return filed for 2008: 40%;
- volume of wine exported in the past three years: 10%.

These criteria encourage the allocation of greater resources to regions with large areas of land under vines, and tend not to reward willingness to invest in exports.

1. Can the Commission state whether these allocation criteria conform to the regulations governing the relevant support?
2. Should the Commission promote alternative criteria seeking to encourage best practices and environmentally and economically sustainable winegrowing?