

**Question for written answer E-011153/2014  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject:     Grazing in European regions

At present, many European livestock farmers are being adversely affected when receiving EU aid for grazing, as the establishment of areas for that purpose is being performed on the basis of an unreliable system. This is because, in many instances, grazing is used as a means of managing the process of cleaning woodland areas which, in particular in the Mediterranean region, may help to prevent summer fires in areas which, at first glance, would not be recognised as grazing areas. As a result of this, I would like to know:

1. Does the Commission have any plans to set up a new system for establishing grazing areas?
2. Does the Commission not think that it would be more efficient to apply the principle of subsidiarity when establishing grazing areas in European regions?