

Question for written answer E-002520/2015
to the Commission
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Subject: The new framework conditions for EU funding of agriculture

The EU 2007-2013 programming period ended on 31 December 2013. The Commission was late adopting the new framework conditions for the period from 1 January 2014 to 31 December 2020. In spite of the 2014 transition year, the second pillar (Austrian Agri-Environmental Programme, investment aid, rural development etc.) was not decided on time. This has worried farmers in the Member States, who do not know how to manage aid from 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2020. Furthermore, it requires basic aid to be coupled to jobs on farms.

In view of the numerous ambiguities, could the Commission please answer the following questions:

1. Why was the Commission late addressing and adopting the framework conditions for the new programming period?
2. What was the Commission's motivation behind coupling aid to jobs on farms?