

**Question for written answer E-003660/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Allowance for natural handicaps

The Compensatory Allowance for Natural Handicaps (CANH) plays a very important role in many French territories, particularly high-mountain areas.

However, the European Commission seems to be casting doubt on the award of this specific allowance, which is vital to the maintenance of farming and, far beyond that, a sustainable natural balance in these areas.

What is the Commission's position on this matter?