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to the Commission**

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Subject: Cooperation in rural areas

The EU's policy for rural areas for 2014 – 2020 envisages the need to support cooperation in these areas.

The idea is to foment forms of cooperation among companies that operate in the agriculture sector, companies that operate in the food chain and other organisations that may help to achieve the aims and priorities of the rural development policy, including producer associations, cooperatives and inter-professional bodies, when cooperation benefits rural areas.

What measures has the Commission already adopted and what budget has it allocated to fomenting cooperation in rural areas?