

**Question for written answer E-006933/2015  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Suspension by the Commission of payment of the "young farmers' grant"

It is essential for the vitality of our rural areas and for the sustainability of our agriculture to support young farmers. However, they are very worried because the Commission has refused to validate many rural development plans, particularly in the *Nord-Pas-de-Calais*. This refusal has resulted in the suspension of payment of the "young farmers' grant", in particular start-up aid for first-time farmers. As a result no new farm holding will be established in the *Nord-Pas-de-Calais* in the first quarter 2015.

1. Does the Commission fully appreciate the difficulties facing young and first-time farmers?
2. Will it take urgent decisions to ensure that the "young farmers' grant" (start-up aid) can be paid regularly?