

**Question for written answer E-007682/2015
to the Commission**
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Subject: Growing truffles

The region of Istria is extremely suitable for natural production and cultivation of truffles. Their organised large-scale production could contribute to the creation of new jobs and economic growth. Taking into account the response of the European Commission about the impossibility of funding large-scale cultivation of truffles from the financial structures of the EU's Common Agricultural Policy, I have the following questions:

1. Does the Commission have data or studies on the ecological and sustainable mode of cultivating truffles, especially the white truffle, whose large-scale cultivation has so far been limited to a few relatively successful attempts?
2. Can the European Commission encourage such innovative and environmentally acceptable large-scale production and can this be financed under the auspices of the European Innovation Partnership for Agricultural Productivity and Sustainability (EIP AGRI)?