

**Question for written answer E-011887/2015
to the Commission**
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Subject: Aid for the Adega Cooperativa dos Biscoitos

The Adega Cooperativa dos Biscoitos on the island of Terceira in the Azores is a cooperative winery founded by small producers who sell and promote the famous 'vinho verdeelho', which is produced using vines grown in small stone enclosures built of traditional black stone walls. The methods used to produce the wine are unique, giving the industry enormous cultural value. The brand has won various prizes and is part of the Iter Vitis Route – a cultural route that focuses on the wine-growing landscape, traditional skills, local people and wine production. The winery has between 30 and 40 members and produces about 10 000 litres of wine a year. However, there is potential in the area for setting up new vineyards, which would be of benefit to the region's economy, culture and landscape.

- What funding might be available under the EU's current multiannual financial framework for 2014-2020 to support the provision of labour to plant and tend new vines, particularly in ORs, as is the case here?
- Since the cooperative has a very small organisational structure, what technical support is available to help draw up applications for EU aid?