

**Question for written answer E-013355/2015  
to the Commission**

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Subject: The Commission and the EIB - interest shown in the first financing instrument for farmers

In July 2014, the Commission and the European Investment Bank (EIB) signed a memorandum of understanding on cooperation in the field of agriculture and rural development, and in March 2015 the first guarantee facility aimed at facilitating access to financing for farmers and agricultural entrepreneurs in rural areas was introduced.

Now, around six months after that facility became operational, can the Commission state which countries the farmers and entrepreneurs to have shown an interest in using it come from, and how many there are across the EU?

Figures of this kind are needed in order to ascertain whether that facility is of use to young agricultural entrepreneurs.