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Subject: Improving honey resources

The preservation of bees is vital for humans. Our agricultural activities need to coexist with beekeeping in a win-win partnership. Therefore, the ecological focus areas (EFA) provided for by the 2013 Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) in connection with greening measures are a useful tool for ensuring a favourable environment for bees. These areas do contribute to feeding these pollinators, because they contain more flowering plant species.

Is the Commission planning to improve the aid given to farmers who plant honey species in ecological focus areas?