Question for written answer E-009737/2016 to the Commission Rule 130 Carolina Punset (ALDE)

Subject: EU farming sector too little involved in GHG reduction and use of European funds in this

sector

In its Special Report entitled 'Spending at least one euro in every five from the EU budget on climate action: ambitious work underway, but at serious risk of falling short', the Court of Auditors warns that more effort is needed to ensure a 'real shift' towards climate action.

The auditors found that there was a serious risk of targets not being met without more effort because in the areas of agriculture, rural development and fisheries and in the European Social Fund there has been no significant shift towards climate action.

In addition, the agricultural sector remaining outside the shared effort to reduce GHG emissions is unfair to the various other sectors which are responsible for the emission reduction effort.

Given the risk identified by the Court of Auditors of targets not being met and the poor level of involvement by the EU agriculture sector in reducing GHG emissions, does the Commission consider it necessary to make changes to the use of EU funds within the farming sector to achieve the targets on climate action?

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