

**Question for written answer E-000541/2017
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Take-up of funding under the Rural Development Programmes

According to the Ares(2017)166421 document dated 12/01/2017, implementation of funding under the Greek Rural Development Programme is around 9.33 %, which is below the average of 14.16%. Under Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/791, unused funding from 2014 has already been carried over to 2015 and 2016 for the calculation of ceiling expenditure figures. In the case of Greece, the amounts in question go from EUR 907 059 608 to EUR 1 007 736 821 respectively. It would therefore appear that the amounts earmarked for 2015 and 2016 have not been accounted for.

In view of this:

1. Can the Commission say how funding for Greece will be allocated in 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020?
2. Following the introduction of the N+3 rule for the automatic deduction of commitment appropriations, has the Commission proposed any measure that will help achieve European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development spending objectives for the Greek RDP or will it propose such measures?

What has been the financial implementation for each measure by Member State under the 2014-2020 Rural Development Programmes since the Commission's last update?