

**Question for written answer E-006680/2017
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Harmonisation with the European Regulation on direct payments

The European Commission has recently called on Croatia to harmonise the Ordinance on Direct Agriculture Implementation with the European Regulation on direct payments, in particular with regard to the failure to comply with the European regulations related to incentives for pastures and karst pastures. More precisely, the Commission requested an explanation of why the Croatian Ministry of Agriculture established that the incentives should only be available to leaseholders who keep cattle, despite the fact that this is not laid down in the European Regulation on incentives for maintaining karst pastures. Can the Commission say:

whether it received the draft harmonisation from the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Croatia and what position has it taken in response?