

**Question for written answer E-007653/2017
to the Commission**
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Subject: CAP and 'greening'

In a new report from the European Court of Auditors, it is stated that payments to encourage farmers to 'go green' are not likely to significantly enhance the CAP's environmental and climate performance. The auditors noted that the new payments complicated the system and have led to changes to farming practices in only five per cent of EU farmland.

The auditors noted that the Commission did not develop a complete intervention logic for green payments, nor did it set clear and sufficiently ambitious environmental objectives for greening to be achieved. They also noted that greening is unlikely to deliver significant benefits for the environment or climate, mainly because a large percentage of the practices subsidised would have been carried out even without the payments. The auditors consider that greening has changed farming practices in only five per cent of EU farmland.

What does the Commission think of the report and what concrete measures does it intend to take to make this component of CAP more effective, making it less complex and bureaucratic?