

**Question for written answer E-007758/2017
to the Commission**

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Subject: Precision agriculture

Precision agriculture (PA) is defined as the use of technology in the form of precise sensors to improve the ratio of agricultural output to agricultural input. This technology is expected to play a principle role in agricultural development in the coming decades. Research and development will be a key driving force behind substantial changes to the common agricultural policy (CAP) in the period 2021-2027. Is the Commission considering enhancing rural development policy by financing agricultural and forestry innovation through measures and programmes that promote PA practices and environmentally sustainable technologies?