

**Question for written answer E-000110/2018  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Wine production in Portugal

Portugal lost 47 000 hectares of vineyard in about 10 years. According to figures from Portugal's wine and spirits association (Associação de Vinhos e Espirituosas), vineyard surface shrank from 240 000 hectares in 2006 to 193 000 hectares in July 2016.

Member States are limited by law to increasing their production area by only 1% a year until 2020, therefore it is unlikely that the lost area will be recovered.

For countries where production has dropped because the amount of land dedicated to wine production has shrunk considerably, can the Commission make it possible in the CAP and the national regional development programmes to increase wine production areas with a view to compensating those countries?