

**Question for written answer E-002142/2018**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Recommendations regarding rural development programmes

In its Special Report No 16/2017, the Court of Auditors evaluated improvements made to the programming process for rural development programmes, concluding that while the design of the 2014-2020 programming framework was more ambitious, there were significant shortcomings in the implementation of the programmes. For that reason, the Court provided six recommendations. It believed that the Commission should improve coherence between individual programmes, simplify the design and requirements of the programmes, and work with the Member States to improve information systems and the quality and recording of achievements. What measures has the Commission taken in response to those recommendations?