

**Question for written answer P-008812/2014
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Rural development plan for Galicia

A number of sectoral organisations with which I have met have criticised the total lack of consultation on the 2014-2020 rural development plan (RDP) drawn up by the Autonomous Government of Galicia, which sent the plan to the Commission without reaching agreement on it with the various rural stakeholders and without disclosing it to the public. This situation is creating concern among Galician farmers, who are worried that it might delay implementation of the plan, as this would have an extremely serious impact.

1. Does the Commission know whether the Galician Government did in fact hold the necessary consultations with RDP stakeholders?
2. If it did not, would the Commission agree that it has acted in breach of the principle of partnership required for strategic documents of this type?
3. Is the Commission considering sending the RDP back to the Galician Government? If so, what deadline will be set for the necessary remedial action to be taken and how long will this delay the implementation of the plan?