

**Question for written answer P-002673/2017  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Common Agricultural Policy aid in France

The Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) reform 2015-2020 has led to amendments that require numerous adjustments in the local and national administrative services that are in charge of its implementation in their territory. For this reason, it is the French Minister of Agriculture who is responsible for allocating the aid and grants set aside for farmers by the CAP.

Two years later, however, the aid that farmers expected for the year 2015 are still not available in France, to the detriment of their farms operating properly. Numerous sectors are concerned by this problem: livestock farming, market gardening, viticulture, rice growing and sheep farming. The entire agricultural sector in France is affected by the delay in payments.

What measures does the Commission intend to put in place to force Member States and local authorities in charge to respect reasonable deadlines for the payment of CAP aid to farmers?

Does the Commission intend to set up a common office to harmonise payments across all Member States?