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# MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD)

**Philippe Loiseau, Jacques Colombier**

**Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the current crisis is having a devastating impact on EU farmers;
- B. whereas the EU seeks to provide assistance to farmers through a range of policies and funds designed to support them and to address the economic, environmental and social challenges they face;
- C. whereas this support is provided in the form of rural development, the second pillar of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP), financed by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD), with a budget of EUR 100 billion for the 2014-2020 period;
- D. whereas the rural development programme includes initiatives intended to support the integration of migrants, a clear departure from the principal aim of the EAFRD, which is to make farming fairer, greener and more efficient;
  1. Calls for a financial statement to be drawn up showing how much funding for rural areas is being used to deal with the migration crisis;
  2. Calls for all the funds earmarked for rural development to be used only for initiatives consistent with the principal aims of the EAFRD;
  3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and the Commission.