

WRITTEN QUESTION E-0612/09
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to the Commission

Subject: Rural population in mountain regions

Despite the measures taken to support mountain and less favoured regions, the rural population in such areas is diminishing, the outcome being depopulation and a fall in agricultural production.

Bearing in mind that mountain regions account for more than 50% of the territory of some Member States, such as Austria, Greece, Portugal, Italy and Spain, and that the rural population remains a significant factor in those areas, does the Commission intend to carry out a study concerning the impact of demographic change on these particular areas and measures to tackle the problem?