

WRITTEN QUESTION E-4772/09  
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to the Commission

Subject: Water management

The forthcoming reform of the common agricultural policy (CAP) raises the issues of reducing agricultural circuits and managing water better. We need a CAP that encourages a reduction in agricultural circuits and gives priority to local crops with a view to facilitating water management and bringing about economies in water use.

In the context of a responsible approach to water consumption, could one envisage making maps of Europe showing areas growing crops that are suited to the character of the soil and climate, the aim being to optimise natural resources by adapting crops to the environment and, ultimately, changing practices that are incompatible with good water management?