

**Question for written answer E-004065/2013
to the Commission**
Rule 117
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Subject: Recovery of EU funds - EAFRD

The responsibility for recovering amounts unduly paid in the field of agriculture lies mainly with the Member States. The 50/50 rule means that 50 % of all irregular payments are charged to national budgets if the Member States have not recovered them within four years (or eight years if a legal case is pending).

1. How much EAFRD (European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development) funding did the individual Member States reclaim from final beneficiaries in each of the years 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012?
2. How much EAFRD funding did the Commission reclaim from the individual Member States in each of the years 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012?
3. How much EAFRD funding was actually recovered from the beneficiaries and transferred back to the EU budget in each of the years 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012?
4. What were the recovery rates under the EAFRD for the individual Member States in each of the years 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012?