

**Question for written answer E-000627/2014  
to the Commission**

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Subject: The implementation of the National Beekeeping Programme

The National Beekeeping Programme (NBP), developed by Romania for the period 2014 - 2016, was approved by the government late last year. The European Commission's contribution to the funding of NBP actions is 50% of the expenditure incurred by Romania for each accessed action, excluding the VAT.

As much as 8 million RON of the available total of 44.5 million RON was allocated by Agenția Națională pentru Ameliorare și Reproducție în Zootehnie (The National Agency for Improvement and Zootechnic Reproduction - ANARZ) for the development of a computer-assisted beehive identification system. This system requires, among other things, that each beehive be assigned a 'unique beehive identification code – a code composed of a maximum of 13 characters, including spaces'.

I would like to ask the Commission to clarify:

1. whether it is of the opinion that such allocations are justified, given that the statistics are already included in the Farming Register, which is currently being computerized;
2. whether there is any obligation to this effect, in accordance with applicable EU law.