

**Question for written answer E-004038/2014
to the Commission**

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Subject: Delays in the adoption of the common agricultural policy

There are signs of a possible delay in the adoption of the future common agricultural policy. If such a delay indeed occurs, this will entail a loss of EUR 500 million in the rural development programme to which Portugal is entitled in 2015. Moreover, this delay could make it difficult for the first pillar of the CAP to come into operation in time for 2015.

1. Can the Commission confirm that such a delay is possible?
2. What are the reasons for this possible delay?
3. Is there a risk that appropriations worth EUR 500 million might be lost in 2015?
4. What specific appropriations could be lost as a result of this delay?
5. In this event, will the possibility of using this money without national co-financing also be lost?
6. If this loss is confirmed, what action will be taken to ensure that small and medium-sized farmers and family farms, which are already being affected and are economically more fragile, will not be even harder hit?
7. Is any provision being made for the possibility of compensating the countries affected?