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to the Commission**

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Subject: Support measures for young farmers

Youth unemployment levels are unacceptably high across the EU, especially in rural areas. Moreover, the number of young farmers dropped by 34 % between 2000 and 2010, with only 7.5 % of the farming population under 35 years of age.

The last CAP reform acknowledged the need to encourage job creation in the sector by including measures targeted at young farmers, particularly under pillar I. In spite of this, young people still cannot afford the high initial investments required, and the lack of access to credit discourages many of them from entering the sector.

1. Could the Commissioner describe how he plans to maximise the CAP contribution to job creation for young people?
2. Could the Commissioner explain his plans to facilitate the entry of young people into the sector in the context of the Europe 2020 strategy?
3. At his Parliamentary hearing, the Commissioner underlined the fact that it is difficult for young people in rural areas to obtain the funds to start up new businesses. Does the Commissioner foresee working with the European Investment Bank in order to overcome this issue, along with the issue of access to land, and secure additional support to generate more youth employment in the sector?