

**Question for written answer E-003649/2019
to the Commission**

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Subject: Evaluating the success of rural development programmes

After completing the first stage of the evaluation of rural development programmes, the Commission found that 40 of the 111 programmes in operation are underperforming, calling for a reallocation of EUR 306 million among them. In Spain, according to the information available, the programmes which have failed to meet their objectives include the national programme as well as the programmes of the communities of Andalusia, Asturias, the Canary Islands, Cantabria, Castile-La Mancha, Galicia, Madrid and Valencia. Despite the fact that serious failings have been reported in some cases, funding will, for the time being, not be lost but reallocated with a view to rectifying the programmes' shortcomings.

1. What is the most frequent cause of the issues? In Spain's case, has there been a reallocation of funds between underperforming programmes?
2. Will this evaluation pave the way to a streamlining of the procedures for accessing the programmes that continue to cause problems as a result of their complexity?
3. How will the results of this evaluation influence the preparations for performance tests for the new CAP?