

**Question for written answer E-003557/2020
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Risk of financial adjustment affecting Arcea paying agency in Calabria

The Agricultural Spokesman of the Calabria Regional Government has recently expressed concern about the possible withdrawal of accreditation from the Arcea paying agency resulting in a financial adjustment of around EUR 40 million ¹.

This highly undesirable situation has arisen in the wake of a series of failings and shortcomings over a number of years on the part of the Calabrian regional agency responsible for the payment of farm subsidies.

In March 2019, the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry proposed a set of measures to remedy a number of these shortcomings (such as inadequate budgetary consolidation) that are currently being implemented in a bid to save the agency from losing its accreditation.

In view of this:

1. Can the Commission describe the current situation regarding the management of Arcea and the state of its finances?
2. What amounts are actually at stake in connection with possible financial adjustments should the agency lose its accreditation?
3. What action will the Commission take to ensure that Arcea can continue to operate and can make a useful contribution to farming in Calabria?

¹ <https://www.quotidianodelsud.it/calabria/politica/regionale/2020/06/11/lallarme-dellassessore-regionale-gallo-la-commissione-europea-vuole-chiudere-arcea/>