

**Question for written answer E-007029/2020  
to the Commission**  
Rule 138  
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Subject: Exploring the potential of EU funding for supporting coexistence measures

According to the relevant Commission communications, a large variety of EU funding is available to support coexistence measures in the Member States. As an example, under the EU's common agricultural policy (CAP), rural development programmes can support the costs of effective preventative measures. Studies show that rural development support is a source that is not fully exploited by Member States when it comes to measures to improve coexistence between people and large carnivores.

1. In what manner could the Commission give further support for awareness raising about the programmes available across the EU and ensure tailored guidance for local stakeholders (livestock keepers, farmers, local people) and also for national and regional authorities?
2. How could the Member States be encouraged to use the available EU financial sources to guarantee their farmers and rural population better access to viable solutions for coexistence?
3. Will the next financial programming period and the new CAP change the availability of these important funding sources for prevention and compensation for damage?