

**Question for written answer E-007048/2020
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Draft agreement between Italian Agricultural Paying Agency (AGEA) and agricultural assistance centres (CAAs)

In November, a new draft agreement was signed between the Italian Agricultural Paying Agency (AGEA) and the agricultural assistance centres (CAAs). The agreement bars the self-employed from the national agricultural information system (SIAN), although they need access if they are to continue to provide the services they have been delivering so well over the years, thus depriving around 3 000 Italians of their livelihoods.

Given that Article 7 of Regulation (EU) 1306/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council establishes the rules for the accreditation of paying agencies and does not stipulate that the self-employed should be barred from the system:

1. Can the Commission say whether it is aware of the implications that this decision has on the sector's self-employed who do not work for the CAAs?
2. Is there an EU provision that bars the self-employed from the national agricultural information systems, thus preventing them from working in the field?