

**Question for written answer E-003414/2021  
to the Commission**

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**Subject:** Fraud in Campania involving CAP funds

In the Campania region, cases of fraud are being reported in relation to the use of common agricultural policy (CAP) funds channelled through the Rural Development Plan. In particular, in the municipalities of Orria, Andretta, Rudino and Padula, cases have been identified of farms that have received subsidies on the basis of false statements regarding production and the type and size of the land concerned. Normally the applicants in question would have automatically had such subsidies disallowed.

The Commission is responsible for ensuring the legality and regularity of expenditure through its audits of certifying bodies and through inspections carried out by paying agencies (PAs).

The role of the PAs is to carry out administrative checks, but also to conduct on-the-spot checks on a sample, which has been established as being, at the very least, 5% of the support measures granted.

1. Does the Commission not agree that, given the recurrence of numerous cases of fraud, it might be useful to consider raising the minimum limit of 5% of on-the-spot checks to be carried out by PAs?
2. What progress has been made in curbing cases of fraud in CAP subsidies which are hampering the proper allocation of resources, and what further measures does the Commission intend to take in order to curtail such fraud?

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