

**Question for written answer E-004617/2021
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: EU-funded compensation for Spanish livestock farmers affected by the wolf-hunting ban

On 20 September 2021, the Spanish Government published Ministerial Order TED/980/2021¹ which extends the wolf-hunting ban in the country from south of the Douro River to the north.

This decision has sparked deep discontent in the Spanish livestock sector, which, every year, falls prey to more than 5 000 wolf attacks, setting it back an estimated EUR 5.5 million². This issue has cost the Galician Government alone in excess of EUR 4.6 million.

1. Has the Spanish Government drawn on EU financial resources, such as the EAFRD programmes³ and the LIFE programme⁴, to compensate Spanish livestock farmers for those losses?
2. Does the Commission know whether the Spanish Government intends to compensate those livestock farmers directly under the new common agricultural policy's eco-schemes?

¹ Order TED/980/2021 of 20 September 2021 for the adjustment of the list of wildlife species under the special protection regime and the Spanish list of endangered species modifies the annex to Royal Decree 139/2011 of 4 February 2007. Official State Gazette (BOE) No 226 of 21 September 2021, pages 106473 to 115287.

² <https://www.elmundo.es/ciencia-y-salud/medio-ambiente/2021/02/09/6022c866fc6c837b168b45ba.html>

³ European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD).

⁴ LIFE programme for the environment and climate action.