

**Question for written answer E-000077/2023
to the Commission**

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Subject: Agricultural or environmental funding for transhumance

The 'Terres rurales d'Europe' programme builds on many years of experience of cooperation between Europe's regions, local action groups, territories and rural populations. This cooperation has been carried out through the Leader programmes from the 1990s to the present day, thanks to the constant work of a group of experts from various Member States.

Improving and restoring the areas concerned has positive effects in terms of combating depopulation, restructuring the socio-economic fabric and safeguarding the environment. Transhumance is helpful in protecting biodiversity, adapting to climate change and supporting local production. It generates new prospects for rural development in an economic, health and environmental context that can reduce the rural exodus.

This programme therefore offers tangible solutions to some of the key socio-economic challenges facing the European Union and our era in general: environmental issues, promotion of rural tourism, agriculture, hydrogeological instability, health and sustainable food consumption.

Given the transnational and multidisciplinary nature of the initiative, does the Commission consider that it can provide financial support for it through its agricultural or environmental funding policies?

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