

**Question for written answer E-000827/2023  
to the Commission**  
Rule 138  
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Subject: Organic livestock grazing on common land

The grazing of livestock on common land is crucial for economic activity in some of Portugal's most disadvantaged regions at risk of depopulation. Certifying these common pastures and the animals that graze this common land as organic unlocks access to organic farming support under the CAP, which is vital to ensuring the viability of holdings and enabling new farmers to establish themselves.

The national services responsible for certifying land and animals as organic recently said that common pastures could not be certified as such, meaning that animals grazing solely on these common pastures could not be either. This state of affairs will also render these common pastures ineligible for organic farming support under the CAP.

1. Does the Commission agree that common pastures (common land) and the animals kept on this land cannot be certified as organic?
2. If so, has any change been made to EU law to block this certification?

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