

**Question for written answer E-000653/2024  
to the Commission**  
Rule 138  
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**Subject:** Review and investigation into how EU funding is allocated and used in agriculture

Following worrying revelations emerging from a media enquiry, which included investigations within the European Parliament itself, it has been shown that some farms that have benefited from EU funding were not in compliance with the set rules at the point in time they received that funding. The funding has been shown to have been put to unlawful uses, including intensive farming and the mistreatment of animals, in grave contravention of the Animal Welfare Directive and EU legislation.<sup>1</sup>

The CAP was designed to support the agricultural sector. However, it seems that only a fraction of the investment is reaching small producers, resulting in the closure of many farms across Europe.

Agriculture lies at the heart of the local economy and is key to the preservation of regional identity in southern Italy and across Europe.

In view of the above, will the Commission:

1. Launch an in-depth investigation into the use of agricultural funding to ensure that this is taken up in a manner compliant with EU rules?
2. Revise funding allocation policies to ensure that these prioritise SMEs, thus supporting biodiversity, production quality and the preservation of regional identities?
3. Take steps to cut the red tape that is stifling small producers, thereby facilitating their access to funding and allowing them to continue to operate in a traditional and sustainable manner?

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<sup>1</sup> [https://www.iene.mediaset.it/video/barraco-bruxelles\\_1315098.shtml](https://www.iene.mediaset.it/video/barraco-bruxelles_1315098.shtml)