

WRITTEN QUESTION P-1377/05  
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to the Commission

Subject: The water shortage and its consequences for agriculture

Several French départements are already suffering from a serious water shortage, which is having a major negative impact on the agriculture industry.

Does the Commission propose to renew the authorisation to convert set-aside areas into plots for growing fodder crops, as it did in 2004? When might such a provision be adopted (given that the 2004 decision was taken late) and with what implementing rules?

Are any other arrangements envisaged?