

WRITTEN QUESTION P-0507/07
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to the Commission

Subject: Support for semi-subsistence farming

Under Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005, Polish farmers have benefited from Axis 1 measures to support semi-subsistence farming. It has been reported that these measures will not be included in the Polish Rural Development Programme (RDP) for the 2007-2013 period.

Such a move would mean a serious loss of income and damage to development prospects for small agricultural holdings in the poorest regions of Poland, including Lubelskie, Małopolska, Podkarpacie and Świętokrzyskie.

1. Is the Commission opposed to the inclusion of these support measures in the Polish RDP for the 2007-2013 period?

2. Is it up to the Polish Government to decide on this matter?

3. Has the Polish Government adopted an opinion on this matter and forwarded it to the Commission?