

WRITTEN QUESTION P-4650/07
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to the Commission

Subject: Common agricultural policy: Commission proposal to discontinue the system of vine planting rights

The Commission recently proposed total discontinuation, from 2014, of the current system of vine planting rights. This logic of deregulation is incompatible with the specific characteristics of the winemaking industry.

In order to continue to perform well, to preserve the best traditions of European winemaking and to strengthen the social and environmental fabric of a large number of rural areas, the industry needs a more stable framework.

Would not the liberalisation of planting rights run the risk of both jeopardising the recognised quality of winemaking in the European Union and unbalancing the market?