

Question for written answer E-015485/2015
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Payments for greening measures within the CAP

Since the reformed CAP entered into force, farmers who are entitled to claim support under the Basic Payment Scheme have had to adhere to greening rules on areas of land eligibility. However, in some regions of Ireland payment per hectare for greening can vary hugely, e.g. on 1 hectare the greening payment could be up to EUR 700 per hectare and in a different region this could be as low as EUR 150 per hectare, despite the fact that the requirements are identical.

Taking this into consideration, does the Commission:

1. Plan to address the imbalance in greening payments in Ireland?
2. Intend to use exactly the same criteria for measuring the outcomes of greening in all areas of Ireland?