

**Question for written answer E-005327/2014
to the Commission**
Rule 117
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Subject: Prospective funding for the creation of an aquaponics system on Lake Como

Aquaponics is a sustainable mixture of farming techniques and fish-breeding based on a combination of aquaculture and plant cultivation designed to achieve a clean and fully sustainable environment, which would regenerate Lake Como and revitalise its tradition and culture. Aquaponics is part of the broader field of biology, in particular phytopurification.

In the light of the above, the questioner asks the Commission to answer the following questions:

1. Does the EU have programmes or funding to establish an aquaponics system which combines aquaculture with plant cultivation?
2. What is the Commission's overview of the situation?