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Delegations are informed that the European Court of Auditors' special report No 12/2013 entitled "Can the Commission and the Member States show that the EU budget allocated to the rural development policy is well spent?" has been published<sup>1</sup>.

The special report was adopted by the Court at its meeting on 9 October 2013 and is accompanied by the replies from the Commission, which was notified of the preliminary findings on 10 June 2013.

The report is also available on the Court's website: <http://eca.europa.eu>

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<sup>1</sup> OJ C 345, 26.11.2013, p. 17