

Question for written answer E-002101/2024
to the Commission
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Subject: The future of the pig meat sector

At the latest meeting of the Special Committee on Agriculture held in Budapest on 9 September, the Member States and the Commission recognised that animal diseases and sanitary restrictions weigh heavily on the European pig meat and poultry meat sectors.

The Commission presented an overview of the situation facing the pig meat sector. The picture painted clearly shows that sanitary restrictions and African swine fever are affecting the sector.

Although the EU is the second biggest producer of pig meat globally, in reality the bulk of this (86 %) is produced by just eight Member States. Likewise, pig meat production in the EU has been falling in recent years and is estimated to drop by 0.9 % each year until 2030, even though the decrease seen between 2022 and 2023 was much sharper, at 6 %.

1. Bearing in mind that the pig meat sector is not eligible for coupled support under the common agricultural policy, what is the Commission's plan for halting the decline in production in the long term?
2. What European investments are being made in research and innovation in the pig meat sector, in particular for the development of new production technologies and vaccines?

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