

Question for written answer E-002876/2025
to the Commission
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Subject: Development of emergency slaughter points and slaughterhouse infrastructure

In the context of the various outbreaks of animal diseases, from peste des petits ruminants to foot-and-mouth disease, how can the Commission support the Member States in quickly setting up mobile, fixed, temporary or permanent slaughter points so that slaughterhouse infrastructure can be developed and implemented, including in animal health crisis situations?

Are there specific financing mechanisms or contingency funds for the development of local slaughterhouse infrastructure to support livestock farming, develop the local or regional economy, contribute to animal welfare by reducing transportation time and costs, and respond to emergency situations, enabling economic activities to continue in affected areas while also adhering to strict biosecurity standards?

Developing a slaughterhouse network is essential to harness local and regional potential, revitalise rural areas, create jobs, develop short supply chains and improve access for consumers to fresh and affordable food, while also having a direct positive impact on animal welfare.

Does the Commission intend to support the development of a European slaughterhouse network in the future MFF through adequate measures and funds?

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