

**Question for written answer E-003258/2025
to the Commission**
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Subject: Bovine tuberculosis outbreak

There has been an outbreak of bovine tuberculosis on two farms in Wartburg, Thuringia, in Germany which has also affected wild animals such as wild boar and foxes, with the first cases being reported in May 2025. The authorities have launched a wildlife monitoring programme to last until the end of the year, and are disease-testing animals. The farms have been isolated, but no global slaughter measures have been imposed. The animals are being given skin tests, and processed meat and milk have been deemed safe. The disease is zoonotic and can only infect humans who eat uncooked meat. Similar cases were reported in the region in 2022; the origin of the infection remains unclear.

Emerging animal diseases such as *peste des petits ruminants* and foot-and-mouth disease, along with diseases which could not be brought under control, such as African swine fever, continue to wreak havoc among livestock farmers. These fresh outbreaks of bovine tuberculosis have raised question marks over the effectiveness of the EU's animal disease prevention and control system.

1. What measures has the Commission put in place to monitor and control this disease effectively, particularly as regards its spreading across borders?
2. What progress has the Commission made through EFSA in understanding the transmission patterns of bovine tuberculosis, and how does it explain the outbreaks in Germany?
3. Does the Commission not consider a review of Regulation (EU) 2016/429 to be necessary?

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