

Question for written answer E-004752/2025

to the Commission

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Subject: European funds for compensation in relation to the outbreak of African swine fever in Spain

Given that Spain is the largest producer of pork in the European Union and its exports are worth approximately EUR 8 800 million annually, the first outbreak of ASF in Spain since 1994 – detected in Catalonia and prompting the preventive closure of access to forested areas together with extraordinary animal-health control measures – poses an immediate economic risk for a sector of strategic importance. Following the confirmation of cases in wild boars, around a third of all export certificates have been temporarily blocked, which in the short term jeopardises a potential volume of foreign trade that could amount to several billion euros if the restrictions are prolonged or if third countries extend their bans.

1. Is the Commission planning to mobilise European financial instruments (including the EAGF, the EAFRD, the reserve for crises in the agricultural sector or other extraordinary funds) to co-finance compensation for culling, losses resulting from trade suspensions, and enhanced biosecurity obligations?
2. Is the Commission considering the introduction of temporary relaxations in the State aid rules to allow the national government and the regional governments to provide swift and sufficient compensation for the economic damage to the pig sector?

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