

**Question for written answer E-001076/2026
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Risk of rising food prices due to energy instability

The escalation of the conflict between the United States, Israel and Iran and the instability in the Strait of Hormuz have led to increases in international energy and fertiliser prices.

Given that around 20 % of the world's oil supply plus a significant share of raw materials for fertilisers passes through the Strait of Hormuz, there is a serious risk that production costs in agriculture will increase further. In an already strained environment where living costs are high, these developments may lead to a further increase in food prices, which will be onerous for farmers and consumers.

The EU has tools, such as crisis contingency plans, to ensure farm viability and food security for European citizens. What is needed is speed and determination.

In view of the above, can the Commission answer the following:

1. What immediate measures does it intend to take to support farmers in the face of rising energy and fertiliser costs?
2. How will it prevent these increases from being passed on to food prices?
3. What initiatives will it take to reduce the dependence of European agriculture on volatile international energy and fertiliser markets?

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