

**Question for written answer E-001889/2026
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Commission actions to deal with the effects of the Middle East conflict on the agri-food sector and strengthen food security

The ongoing conflict in the Middle East and geopolitical uncertainty are having a significant impact on the agri-food sector. In addition to the surge in energy costs, according to the Commission, in April 2026, nitrogen fertilisers cost 70 % more compared to 2024 and global supply has been disrupted, as the region accounts for 20-30 % of ammonia and urea exports.

These developments translate into increased production costs and a possible increase in food prices, weakening the purchasing power of European consumers. Given the importance of this sector, it is imperative that the European Union take immediate action to ensure food security.

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

1. In view of the forthcoming Fertiliser Action Plan, how will the Commission help towards bringing down the cost of fertilisers so that they are affordable for farmers?
2. Following the AccelerateEU Communication, what action does it intend to take to ensure affordable energy for the agri-food sector, especially for small and medium-sized enterprises?
3. Does it have any data on the potential impact of the CBAM and ETS on agricultural prices and how does it intend to address these potential consequences?

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