

Question for written answer E-003891/2026
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Compliance of agricultural price formation with Articles 39 and 40 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union

Article 39 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU) establishes among the objectives of the common agricultural policy (CAP) the need to ensure a fair standard of living for the agricultural community, by increasing the individual earnings of farmers and ensuring reasonable prices. Article 40 TFEU provides for the common organisation of agricultural markets to include measures concerning the regulation of prices and sets out that any common price policy is to be based on common criteria and uniform methods of calculation.

However, significant differences exist in the way production costs, prices and margins are calculated across Member States. This gives rise to situations in which farmers are required to sell agricultural products at prices below their costs of production.

1. Does the Commission consider that the current EU framework for agricultural price formation and market organisation complies fully with the objectives of the CAP as set out in Articles 39 and 40 TFEU, particularly where agricultural products are systematically traded below the cost of production?
2. Does the Commission consider that additional EU-level measures are necessary to ensure the use of common criteria and uniform methodologies for calculating production costs and producer prices, and to better ensure that the objectives of a fair standard of living for farmers and market stabilisation, as set out in Article 39 TFEU, are achieved?

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