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Subject: Competition in the seed sector

The seed industry is a strategic sector for the EU's food sovereignty and food security. France is Europe's foremost producer (and the world's second-largest exporter) of seeds of all kinds, including those used for arable and fodder crops.

However, Ukrainian exports are increasingly undermining the sector's competitiveness. Between the years 2017-2021 and 2022-2025, Ukraine's maize seed exports increased by a factor of 5.5. As its seed industry increased its share of the EU market, French maize seed sales on the Ukrainian market dropped by 40 % over the same period.

Given this situation, maintaining the EU's seed production capacity is now critical for our food sovereignty and food security.

1. Could the Commission provide an assessment of Ukrainian seed production and export trends, and their impact on the EU and French seed sectors?
2. Does it plan to introduce measures to protect the internal market and ensure that the European seed sector can continue to compete with Ukrainian and, more generally, international production?

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