

**Priority question for written answer P-000755/2026
to the Commission**

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Subject: Cases of foot-and-mouth disease in Cyprus and the need for immediate EU support

In the last few days, Cyprus has found itself confronted with a new threat to its livestock farming – a sector whose survival is already seriously under threat – with the first active cases of foot-and-mouth disease reported. It should be recalled that cases had also been detected in the Turkish-occupied areas of Cyprus in December 2025, raising questions and concerns about the Cypriot Government's possibly inadequate response in the face of the disease's spread.

Given the high transmissibility of the disease and the extremely serious repercussions it could entail for Cypriot livestock farming, ensuring the health of livestock and the sustainability of domestic production – both during the crisis and in the long term – is a matter of major national and pan-European importance. Farms are facing significant economic losses, and existing aid from national or EU support tools is not sufficient to fully remedy the damage.

With this in mind, can the Commission say:

1. What immediate measures will it take to send, via the EU vaccine bank, a sufficient number of free vaccine doses to fully address the outbreak, and has it received any request to that effect from the Republic of Cyprus?
2. How will it contribute to the financing of biosecurity measures and ensuring adequate compensation for livestock farmers?
3. How will it provide technical support for the adoption of effective prevention and control methods adapted to the country's specific geographical and epidemiological circumstances?

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