

**Question for written answer E-006117/2014  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Crisis on the Polish blackcurrant and sour cherry markets

We are receiving numerous dramatic reports from blackcurrant and sour cherry producers in our country, indicating that there are drastic falls in the prices of these types of fruit in Poland this season. The purchase prices currently being offered for blackcurrants in Poland are several times lower than the average price in previous years. It should also be stressed that the current purchase prices for these types of fruit in Poland do not cover even half the actual costs of production, which means that planters are suffering huge losses, threatening their livelihoods.

Failure to take urgent and effective action by the European Commission, the only body with the appropriate powers to do so, will bring financial ruin to planters and cause serious harm to blackcurrant and sour cherry production in Poland. It would seem that in order to eliminate the current market disturbances it will be necessary to restrict the supply of fruit, which currently exceeds the demand of processing plants, or reduce production capacity with appropriate compensation to planters for loss of revenues.

When and in what form will the European Commission implement remedial measures to address these market disturbances, as provided for in Article 219 of the Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council 1308/2013, in order to stabilise the situation on the Polish market and protect producers' revenues?