

**Question for written answer E-009444/2014  
to the Commission**  
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Subject: Xylella fastidiosa bacteria

In the region of Apulia in Italy an outbreak of the *Xylella fastidiosa* bacteria has recently been detected in olive trees, which, due to the serious and irreversible damage and death it is causing to the trees, is giving rise to grave concern. Moreover, this bacteria has also been detected recently in diseased olive trees in Argentina.

What protective measures and short- and medium-term plans does the Commission intend to put into practice in order to safeguard the other EU countries from the risk of contamination by this bacteria?