

**Question for written answer E-009752/2014
to the Commission**

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Subject: EU financial aid to milk producers

On 18 November 2014 the Commission confirmed its intention to adopt a EUR 28 million support package for milk producers in Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania. This new package will be the latest in a series of measures adopted by the Commission in response to the Russian ban on the import of certain agricultural products from the EU.

The Commissioner for Agriculture and Rural Development, Phil Hogan, has said that he is 'very conscious of the significant impact that the Russian ban has had on dairy producers in the three Baltic countries given their exposure to the Russian market and the drop in prices. When we look at the share of national production previously exported to Russia and the drop in prices since the start of the crisis, we see that the dairy sectors in Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia have been particularly adversely affected. I am pleased, therefore, that the Commission intends to provide support in the form of a financial envelope for each of the three countries which will support those dairy farmers which, as a result of the Russian ban, are encountering liquidity problems in exceptional circumstances.'

Besides the financial support offered to milk producers in Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, what fundamental action could the Commission take to ensure a solution for all EU milk producers that is fair, sustainable and in accordance with market rules?