

**Question for written answer E-009951/2014
to the Commission**
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Subject: Situation of French farmers and consequences of the Russian trade sanctions

On 5 November 2014 several thousand farmers demonstrated in France, once again trying to raise the government's awareness of their situation, which is daily becoming more precarious. The Commission cannot be unaware that every two days a farmer in France commits suicide!

The new common agricultural policy makes provision for a crisis reserve that can be mobilised every year up to a ceiling of EUR 430 000 000 but with a 1 % reduction in EU subsidies.

At the very least the Russian trade sanctions will cost French farmers EUR 1.1 billion a year.

Moreover, the Commission has announced that it intends to reduce available funding for 2015.

In view of the urgency of the situation, does the Commission plan a very considerable increase in its aid to farmers?