

**Question for written answer E-005846/2015
to the Commission**
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Subject: Local production of agricultural machinery

The local agricultural machinery manufacturing industry was a flourishing one 10-20 years ago. There were 22 factories and plants in Romania that were producing agricultural machinery for Romanian agriculture, but also for export. At present, there are only a few factories and plants that are still on the market and making a profit, managing to sell in Romania and in the European Union. These plants that are producing agricultural machinery are the IRUM factory in Reghin, Mecanica Ceahlău in Piatra Neamţ and the MAT factory in Craiova. Given that there is demand for agricultural machinery both on the Romanian and EU markets:

What recommendations can the Commission make to the Romanian authorities regarding support for the already existing manufacturers of agricultural machinery?

What financial instruments does the Commission have available to encourage new agricultural machinery plants to open?