

**Question for written answer E-006102/2015
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Wild boar in Europe

Wild boar have shown rare and exceptional adaptability to the increasing scale of environmental change, especially in recent years. Their biological characteristics, strength and ability to consume a wide range of foodstuffs have led to an exponential rise in their population. This has come to pose a problem for agriculture and livestock farming. There is also a health hazard (as the Commission has repeatedly identified in its preventive checks for African swine fever) and a road safety hazard.

Given this background, could the Commission say whether it has, or is going to have, any programme to control the growing wild boar population in Europe? Does it see the need to set up an aid farm for farmers and livestock breeders affected by the presence of wild boar on their farms?