

**Question for written answer E-001890/2016  
to the Commission**  
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Subject: Crisis in the Galician dairy sector

A few months ago, the Commission announced a package of measures to tackle the crisis in the dairy sector. The outcome of that package is best judged by taking stock of the changes in the prices paid in my homeland, Galicia, the largest dairy-producing region in Spain: while in August 2015 the average price paid to the producer was EUR 0.277 per litre, it now sits at EUR 0.288. Clearly the measures have failed.

In the debate on the State of the Union, President Juncker announced further measures to tackle the crisis. However, we have heard nothing more of those measures. The industry has stalled and thousands of farms in my region are at risk of becoming so unviable that they must close.

In light of the continuation of this crisis, what action does the Commission plan to take, and, given that the sector is suffering a collapse that poses a threat to its very survival, what measures will it introduce to revive the sector?