

**Question for written answer E-002037/2016  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: The interests of farmers and endocrine disrupters

From the point of view of preserving the competitiveness of agriculture in the European Union and maintaining production, it is extremely important that farmers should have unhampered access to the latest and most effective plant protection products.

Endocrine disrupters may be found in certain plant protection products: therefore the Commission should impose limit values only on a scientific basis where active substances are unequivocally present in plant protection products. In order to achieve this, it is necessary first of all to draw up and publish a thorough ex-ante impact assessment.

I should like to put the following questions to the Commissioner responsible for agriculture:

1. How will the Commission ensure that an ex-ante impact assessment is published on this subject which is thorough in all respects and scientific?
2. What European farmers' organisations and other civil-society organisations representing interest groups is the Commission involving in its work on impact assessments?
3. What opportunity will farmers have to respond to the future ex-ante impact assessment material?