

**Question for written answer E-003981/2016
to the Commission**
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Subject: CAP and farming job losses

As farm incomes continue to fall, the number of farms is declining unremittingly. While it would no doubt be advisable to look again at how the CAP budget is shared out among the Member States, it would be equally useful to make more accurate prior assessments of the EU's strategic options regarding free trade agreements. The agreements recently concluded with Morocco, for example, are having disastrous repercussions on certain agricultural sectors.

Why does the EU not conduct studies with a view to anticipating the consequences of its strategic choices for agricultural sectors that have already been severely weakened? Should it not do so when negotiating with, say, the United States (TTIP, transatlantic treaty, or TAFTA)?