

**Question for written answer E-002937/2017  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Counteracting increases in the prices of agricultural land

Rising prices for buying and leasing agricultural land in many regions of the European Union have led to financial speculation and, consequently, to artificially inflated food prices. The situation makes it economically unfeasible for many farms to keep leased land or for small and medium-sized farms to expand the area of their farms to maintain their viability, and, what is more, it has become impossible to set up new farms.

In view of this:

How will the Commission attempt to change the situation?

Does it have any analyses on the occurrence of this disturbing phenomenon?

Will it set up a high-level working group and carry out a study on agricultural land?