

**Question for written answer E-005365/2017
to the Commission**
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Subject: African swine fever in the EU

On 31 July 2017, Romanian veterinary authorities confirmed an outbreak of African swine fever (ASF) in domestic pigs for fattening in Satu Mare, close to the border with Hungary and Ukraine. According to the notification, in a backyard holding with four pigs, one died and three showed symptoms of ASF.

The outbreak indicates a further worsening of the epidemiological situation as regards ASF in Europe, given that the disease has spread to another Member State. Since June more than 50 cases of ASF in wild boar have been reported. Since 2016, 6 114 outbreaks of ASF have already been reported in 8 countries within Europe (Russia, Poland, Ukraine, Belarus, Moldova and the three Baltic states). It is important to note that Portugal eradicated the disease in 1993.

What measures are being taken to control the disease, in particular with regard to the international movement of livestock and meat products?