

**Question for written answer E-000377/2019
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Excessive wild boar population

According to the Brussels Office of Confagricoltura and the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) in Parma, the proliferation of wild animals, particularly wild boars, will result in extremely rapid growth in their population in the next few years. Moreover, Confagricoltura points out that, to date, Italy is failing to adopt a coordinated approach and has no specific prevention policy, unlike other EU countries, such as France, where 'depopulation' areas of 140 km² have been established. Article 191 TFEU explicitly refers to an environmental policy based on the precautionary principle and the principle of preventive action.

1. Is the Commission aware of the increasing risks that wild animals present to the safety of persons, either directly, because of the accidents they cause, or indirectly through the spread of viruses between wild boars and domestic pigs?
2. Will the Commission take measures to help Member States to formulate appropriate and effective policies to prevent the spread of feral pigs?
3. Taking all these points into account, does the Commission consider it necessary to act as soon as possible in order to comply with the principles set out in Article 191 TFEU?