

**Question for written answer P-013501/2015  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Crisis in milk prices

For months now, milk producers have had to cope with a price crisis which threatens the continuity of their business. In my country, Spain, and in my region, Galicia, in particular thousands of farms are faced with farm-gate prices that do not even cover production costs. According to estimates by agricultural trade unions, up to 30 % of Galicia's farms could be forced to close if the price they receive does not rise.

During the recent debate on the state of the European Union, the President of the Commission announced, in response to a speech by myself, that new measures would be adopted to tackle the crisis in the milk sector.

I would like to know what specific measures the Commission's President was referring to, what specific measures are being examined by the Commission in addition to those adopted at the start of this month and, given the urgency of the situation in the sector, when he envisages announcing and implementing them.