

**Question for written answer E-004996/2013
to the Commission**
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Subject: Proposed changes to school nutrition schemes

The Commission will soon decide whether to change the way in which the School Milk and School Fruit schemes operate. Poland has achieved excellent results in implementing both programmes thanks to the high volume of funding provided under the national budget and from various institutions and sectors. The School Milk scheme has an uptake of 2.4 million pupils, and the School Fruit scheme provides fruit for 86 % of children in the first three years of primary school. These schemes are currently only partially EU-funded.

I should therefore like to ask the Commission:

1. Will the changes proposed by the Commission make it possible to maintain the current scope of the two schemes in Poland, taking into account the level of national financial support and the broad range and large number of beneficiaries?
2. Will the proposed changes come into force in the 2013/2014 school year?
3. By how much will it be possible to increase the financial resources allocated to Poland to implement the School Milk scheme and the School Fruit scheme respectively?
4. In the event that mandatory educational measures are introduced, will the national agencies monitoring the implementation of the schemes be able to act independently to specify target groups for each scheme?